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UN: Refugees top 1M mark

With caution, some oligarchs speak out

From social media messages to a newspaper editorial, some inside the global network of wealthy Russians have begun to cautiously speak out against the invasion in Ukraine, but it may be too little too late. **Page 4**

Putin looks to bypass West’s sanctions

The sanctions imposed on Russia and the crash of the ruble have the Kremlin scrambling to keep the economy running. For Vladimir Putin, that means finding workarounds to the economic blockade. **Page 9**

Russian forces continue to bomb Kharkiv, lay siege to 2 ports

By Jim Heintz, Yuras Karmanau and Vladimir Isachenkov
Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — The number of people sent fleeing Ukraine by Russia’s invasion topped 1 million on Wednesday, the swiftest refugee exodus this century, the United Nations said, as Russian forces kept up their bombardment of the country’s second-biggest city, Kharkiv, and laid siege to two strategic seaports.

The tally from the U.N. refugee agency released to The Associated Press amounts to more than 2 percent of Ukraine’s population being forced out of the country in less than a week. The mass evacuation could be seen in Kharkiv, where residents desperate to get away from falling shells and bombs crowded the city’s train

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‘There’s an opportunity’: National GOP takes aim at Connecticut Congressional seat it hasn’t won in more than 15 years, opens campaign center in New Britain



Republican National Committee Chairwoman Ronna Romney McDaniel, center, and Cecilia S. Johnson, RNC director of Black engagement, listen as 5th Congressional district candidate George Logan speaks at the opening of a Republican facility in New Britain on Wednesday.

EYES ON A NEW PRIZE



Paris Dennard, left, of the RNC, stands with Senate candidate Leora Levy at the opening. **MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT PHOTOS**

By Christopher Keating | Hartford Courant

NEW BRITAIN — Showing a level of seriousness not seen before, national Republicans celebrated opening an office in New Britain Wednesday as they seek to defeat an incumbent Democrat in the 5th Congressional district for the first time in more than 15 years.

Republican National Committee Chairwoman Ronna Romney McDaniel traveled to the city to unveil the “community center” in a commercial plaza on West Main Street that will serve a dual role as a campaign headquarters and an outreach post for minority voters.

National Republicans have never opened an office in Democratic-dominated Connecticut in the past, officials said, showing their intent to capitalize in November on the low poll ratings of Democratic President Joe Biden.

The visit also marked a rare appearance for the national chairwoman in a state where Democrats have won all elections for the Congressional seats, governor, and all statewide offices since 2006.

“People are going to say, ‘Why are you in New Britain? Why is the RNC here? You know why? We can win. ... We’re going to take back your governorship as well.’”

—Republican National Committee Chairwoman Ronna Romney McDaniel

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Crisis response team set to launch

Hartford group will handle mental health emergencies without police intervention

By Seamus McAvoy
Hartford Courant

In a change of longstanding norms, Hartford residents experiencing acute mental or behavioral health emergencies will soon be able to access treatment and support services through 911 without confronting an armed police officer.

City officials on Wednesday announced the Hartford Emergency Assistance Response Team (or HEARTeam), a coalition of three partner organizations that will act as an alternative to law enforcement during nonviolent health emergencies.

The team follows a model long hailed by community and social justice advocates, who say civilian responders will help relieve some of the burden on law enforcement and go far in easing tensions between residents and police that reached its national apogee following the murder of George Floyd.

Mayor Luke Bronin first announced plans for the program in June 2020 as city leaders “recognized the need for teams that could go out and respond to calls for service that didn’t necessarily require law enforcement,” he said Wednesday at Hartford City Hall, flanked by city leaders, department heads and community partners.

Instead, those incidents required “the response of folks who are trained in mental and behavioral health services, who know our community well, who are able to go out

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TOWN HALL: The city of Hartford will host a town hall to discuss the program with community members and answer further questions on Tuesday at 6 p.m. on Zoom: hartfordct.gov/marchtownhall or by dial-in: 1 (312) 626-6799, Passcode: 876 876 5678 3745.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Housing, voting rights top Black and Puerto Rican Caucus agenda

By Daniela Altamari
Hartford Courant

The legislature’s Black and Puerto Rican Caucus is pressing for passage of a series of bills that seek to address the social, economic and political impact of racial inequality in Connecticut.

“During the George Floyd summer of unrest, so many people said some beautiful words,” said Sen. Douglas McCrory, a Democrat from Hartford and a member of the caucus. “They said they understood institutional racism. They said they understood structural concerns ... well, now is the time. It’s time to execute.”

At a news conference at the state Capitol Tuesday, the 35-member caucus unveiled its legislative agenda. The proposals range from bills to address educational inequity and environmental justice to measures that promote economic development, expand children’s access to mental health services and address a lack of diversity among judicial nominees.

The caucus supports revisiting the police accountability bill, which was passed by the Connecticut legislature in 2020, shortly after the murder of George Floyd by a Minneapolis police officer sparked a national discussion about policing.

“We have to tighten that up,” said caucus vice chairman Rep. Bobby Gibson, D-Bloomfield. “I have many friends who are police officers who are doing a great job, who

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Windsor’s Khan elected first Muslim member of House

Maryam Khan, of Windsor, won a special election to the 5th House District of Windsor and Hartford, becoming the first Muslim elected to the Connecticut House. **Connecticut, Page 1**

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Ukraine

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station and tried to press onto trains, not always knowing where they were headed.

In a videotaped address, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy called on Ukrainians to keep up the resistance. He vowed that the invaders would have “not one quiet moment” and described Russian soldiers as “confused children who have been used.”

Moscow’s isolation deepened, meanwhile, when most of the world lined up against it at the United Nations to demand it withdraw from Ukraine. And the prosecutor for the International Criminal Court opened an investigation into possible war crimes.

With fighting on multiple fronts across the country, Britain’s Defense Ministry said Mariupol, a large city on the Azov Sea, was encircled by Russian forces, while the status of another vital port, Kherson, a Black Sea shipbuilding city of 280,000, remained unclear.

Russian President Vladimir Putin’s forces claimed to have taken complete control of Kherson, which would make it the biggest city to fall yet in the invasion. But a senior U.S. defense official disputed that.

“Our view is that Kherson is very much a contested city,” the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

But the mayor of Kherson, Igor Kolykhaev, said Russian soldiers were in the city and came to the city administration building. He said he asked them not to shoot civilians and to allow crews to gather up the bodies from the streets.

Russia reported its military casualties for the first time since the invasion began last week, saying nearly 500 of its troops have been killed and almost 1,600 wounded. Ukraine did not disclose its own military losses but said more than



Ukrainian refugees seek to apply for residency permits Wednesday in Prague, Czech Republic. MICHAL CIZEK/GETTY-AFP

2,000 civilians have died, a claim that could not be independently verified.

In a video address to the nation early Thursday, Zelenskyy praised his country’s resistance.

“We are a people who in a week have destroyed the plans of the enemy,” he said. “They will have no peace here. They will have no food. They will have here not one quiet moment.”

He said the fighting is taking a toll on the morale of Russian soldiers, who “go into grocery stores and try to find something to eat.”

“These are not warriors of a superpower,” he said. “These are confused chil-

dren who have been used.”

Meanwhile, the senior U.S. defense official said an immense column of hundreds of tanks and other vehicles appeared to be stalled roughly 16 miles from Kyiv and had made no real progress in the last couple of days.

The convoy, which earlier in the week had seemed poised to launch an assault on the capital, has been plagued with fuel and food shortages and has faced fierce Ukrainian resistance, the official said.

Around Ukraine, others crowded into train stations, carrying children wrapped in blankets and dragging

wheeled suitcases into new lives as refugees. Shabia Mantoo, a spokesperson for the refugee agency known as UNHCR, said Wednesday that “at this rate” the exodus from Ukraine could make it the source of “the biggest refugee crisis this century.”

A large explosion shook central Kyiv on Wednesday night in what the president’s office said was a missile strike near the capital city’s southern railway station. There was no immediate word on any deaths or injuries.

Russian forces pounded Kharkiv, Ukraine’s biggest city after Kyiv, with about 1.5

million people, in another round of aerial attacks that shattered buildings and lit up the skyline with flames. At least 21 people were killed and 112 injured over the past day, said Oleg Sinehubov, head of the Kharkiv regional administration.

Several Russian planes were shot down over Kharkiv, according to Oleksiy Arestovich, a top adviser to Zelenskyy.

“Kharkiv today is the Stalingrad of the 21st century,” Arestovich said, invoking what is considered one of the most heroic episodes in Russian history, the five-month defense of the city from the Nazis

during World War II.

Russian attacks, many with missiles, blew the roof off Kharkiv’s five-story regional police building and set the top floor on fire, and also hit the intelligence headquarters and a university building, according to officials and videos and photos released by Ukraine’s State Emergency Service.

In New York, the U.N. General Assembly voted to demand that Russia stop its offensive and immediately withdraw all troops, with world powers and tiny island states alike condemning Moscow. The vote was 141 to 5, with 35 abstentions.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

House confirms Juthani as public health commissioner

By Mark Pazniokas
Ctmirror.org

House Republicans futilely objected Wednesday to the confirmation of Dr. Manisha Juthani as commissioner of public health, relitigating how Connecticut employed lockdowns, vaccinations and mask mandates to fight COVID-19.

Knowing they had no chance at denying confirmation of an epidemiologist recruited from the Yale School of Medicine during the pandemic, the GOP minority used the debate to vent over restrictions, most no longer in force.

“There is no question that the commissioner is very qualified, educated, experienced for the job to which she has been appointed,” said Rep. Jason Perillo, R-Shelton. But he added, “It’s not just about talent. It’s also about trust.”

The House voted 96-53

to confirm Juthani, whom Gov. Ned Lamont named as the acting commissioner on July 26, 2021 — long after Connecticut lifted most restrictions on retailers, restaurants and houses of worship.

Max Reiss, the governor’s communications director, said the administration was lucky to have Juthani’s counsel before and after she took the job.

“Commissioner Juthani joined the administration at a critical time and provided valuable counsel as our state transitioned to the next phase of the pandemic,” Reiss said. “Her leadership has continued to be invaluable. The people of Connecticut are grateful for her confirmation.”

One of the two Republicans to vote for her confirmation was Rep. William



Juthani

Petit of Plainville, the only physician in the House. The other was Rep. Kathleen McCarty of Waterford. Rep. Minnie Gonzalez of Hartford was the only Democrat opposed.

Perillo faulted Juthani for misleading the public about the availability of test kits, a purchase that fell through. He said she was less than forthright in how she eventually acknowledged the mistake.

Others objected to the advice she gave, both as a Yale infectious disease expert consulted by Lamont and then as commissioner.

State Rep. Dave Rutigliano, R-Trumbull, a restaurant owner, took issue with her suggestion in December 2020 that people avoid dining out during a surge, despite the state having allowed indoor dining with social distancing rules.

“Long after all the evidence came in that the lockdowns and the shutdowns weren’t working, this doctor continually called for the lockdowns of most businesses here in Connecticut,” he said. “She caused an immeasurable amount of damage to people’s livelihoods.”

Juthani was among the physicians who had urged against indoor dining and in favor of closing gyms, not widespread business closures.

Rep. Rosa Rebimbas, R-Naugatuck, faulted her for the state’s requirement that health-care workers be vaccinated, saying the dismissal of unvaccinated staff exacerbated staff shortages.

The debate came on the first day the House had abandoned its requirement that masks be worn in the chamber. But Rep. Doug Dubitsky, R-Chaplin, said

masks still are required in some schools, though not by state edict.

“And it’s been two years now. Two long, ugly years that we’ve been put through this stuff,” Dubitsky said.

Connecticut never closed manufacturing or retailers that sold food, but restaurants were hard hit both by the restrictions and, in the view of restaurant owners, fears of dining out before vaccinations were widely available.

“I have very little doubt that the people in my district who lost their jobs because of the decisions and the poor judgment of this nominee would want me to vote to ensure that this nominee also lost her job,” Dubitsky said.

Knowing that her confirmation was not in doubt, Democrats largely remained silent while Republicans attacked Juthani.

But Rep. Jonathan Stein-

berg, D-Westport, co-chair of the Public Health Committee, finally rose with a wry rebuttal, apologizing that his new hearing aids left him struggling to process the debate at times.

“And I just want to make sure that I’ve heard what I’ve heard with regard to some of the testimony today, with regard to the character and the testimony of Commissioner Juthani,” Steinberg said.

Steinberg said Juthani has been candid with lawmakers and the public, even when delivering an unpopular message.

“I’m really kind of surprised that there seems to be a lack of consensus on somebody who is going to be, has already been and will continue to be such a strong proponent of looking out for the health of the people of the state of Connecticut,” he said. “We could not do better.”

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are protecting and serving, but it’s for those bad actors out there who are making their jobs even worse.”

Rep. Geraldo Reyes of Waterbury, the chairman of the caucus, declined to detail exactly what changes to the accountability bill the group supports, saying the measure is still being worked on.

The caucus is also backing legislation banning the use of solitary confinement in Connecticut’s prisons. A similar bill passed the General Assembly last year but was vetoed by Gov. Ned Lamont.

Below are some of the other proposals endorsed by the caucus Tuesday:

Housing

Rep. Quentin Williams highlighted several bills that aim to address the housing crisis.

House Bill 5234 would limit the fees a landlord could charge in connection with tenant screenings, permit tenants to conduct a walk-through inspection before renting a home or apartment and require landlords to provide tenants with voter registration forms before they sign the lease.

The bill would also allow tenants to provide damage insurance in lieu of a security deposit.

“We have landlords that ask for two to three months rent,” said Williams, D-Middletown. “Where does that money come from when our minimum wage is not a living wage? We want folks to save \$2000, \$3,000, \$4,000 just to get into a home. We need common sense alternatives.”

Voting

The caucus also backs several measures it says would improve access to the ballot. Senate Bill 184 would keep in place

several Covid-19-related changes, such as making it easier for voters to obtain an absentee ballot, through the Nov. 8 election. The proposal will be the subject of a public hearing before the legislature’s government administration and elections committee on Friday.

Hilda Santiago, a Democrat from Meriden, said the caucus is also advocating for a constitutional amendment to allow for early voting in Connecticut.

The question will come before voters on the November ballot.

“People need to know that Connecticut is one of just five states in the country with no form of early voting,” said Sen. Matt Lesser, D-Middletown. “We talk about voting rights like this is a thing that is only an issue in Alabama or Texas or Georgia but the fact of the matter is we have more work to do in Connecticut.”

Labor

The caucus is pressing for passage of several bills pending in the legislature’s labor committee, including a proposal requiring employers to post a weekly schedule no less than 14 days in advance of the first day of the scheduled work week.

A committee is also considering legislation would remove a blanket prohibition that bars formerly incarcerated people from obtaining professional licenses in fields ranging from funeral embalmer to barber.

“We know that this pandemic has had a devastating impact on everyone but ... in particular [and] most harshly communities of color,” said Rep. Robyn Porter, co-chair of the labor committee and a Democrat from New Haven. “Black and brown communities, white poor rural communities, are suffering and people are looking to get back to work. They need to get back to work.”



House candidate George Logan speaks at the opening of a Republican office in New Britain. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

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This year, Republican George Logan is seeking to defeat U.S. Rep. Jahana Hayes in the 5th District that includes New Britain, Meriden, and most of Litchfield County to the New York and Massachusetts borders.

In a nation of 435 Congressional districts, the GOP has opened about 20 similar offices around the nation in minority communities, but none in the rest of New England, New York or New Jersey.

“People are going to say, ‘Why are you in New Britain?’” McDaniel asked a crowd of more than 100 Republicans who were jammed shoulder-to-shoulder without masks in the small office. “Why is the RNC here? You know why? We can win. ... We’re going to take back your governorship as well.”

Referring to her 16-year-old son who was introduced to the crowd, McDaniel said, “Nash just got to take off his mask last week. Last week, Hallelujah! Right, Nash? Hallelujah! He’d take that mask off every day after school. It was terrible for these kids. It impeded their learning. And moms and

Republicans understood that.”

In an interview after her speech, McDaniel said that Connecticut Republicans approached her to say that they will have competitive races in the fall.

“I say this as a fundraiser, you don’t get what you don’t ask for,” McDaniel said. “The Fifth district is ripe for flipping. ... We feel like there’s an opportunity.”

McDaniel added that Democratic Gov. Ned Lamont defeated Republican Bob Stefanowski by only 3 percentage points in 2018, and they expect to face off once again in a high-stakes, expensive rematch between two multi-millionaires.

But state Democratic Party Chairwoman Nancy DiNardo was not impressed, blasting the appearance.

“Ronna McDaniel heads up a party that has fully embraced Donald Trump and everything wrong with politics today, up to and including a willingness to look away” from the former president’s involvement with the president of Ukraine, DiNardo said.

“That George Logan has brought her in to campaign says everything about George Logan: he will vote in the best interest of Washington Republicans, not the people of the Fifth District,” DiNardo

said. “Jahana Hayes has served the district extremely well for the past four years. She knows the district where she lives, where she taught school and raised a family, and the voters know her record.”

Hayes’ campaign manager, Barbara Ellis, declined to comment.

Many top Republicans attended the office opening, including the two rivals for the U.S. Senate nomination — former House Republican leader Themis Klarides of Madison and Republican fundraiser Leora Levy of Greenwich. They were joined by Amy Stefanowski, the wife of the gubernatorial candidate, and state Rep. Mike France, who is running against U.S. Rep. Joe Courtney in the Second Congressional District in eastern Connecticut.

Even though the election is eight months away, national Republicans have already blasted Hayes with their first digital attack ad. The ad criticizes Hayes for paying her two adult children with campaign funds for years. But Hayes has sharply rebutted the charges, saying the payments were fully disclosed by her campaign.

The Republican National Committee is already involved in Connecticut, taking partial credit for the

victory of Bill Pizzuto in a special election to fill the seat of longtime Waterbury Republican Rep. Tony D’Amelio, who stepped down to spend more time at the restaurant that he owns at a Waterbury golf course.

Behind the scenes, national Republicans were working on the get-out-the-vote efforts for Pizzuto, including making more than 15,000 contacts with voters that included thousands of emails and text messages to remind voters. The RNC said that its efforts included “universe targeting, access to GOP data, and a door knocking and phone banking app.”

The National Republican Congressional Committee has targeted the Hayes race, which many Republicans believe is their best chance to win their first Congressional race since U.S. Rep. Christopher Shays of Bridgeport won in 2006. Shays lost his seat in 2008, and Republicans have not won any of the five U.S. House seats since then.

“This office will be a huge asset to growing our party and winning up and down the ballot on November 8,” Logan said. “This investment in a city like New Britain is a huge milestone in the quest to grow our party and attract more voters in one of the most crucial elections of our lifetime.”

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and intervene and deescalate and provide support to individuals in our community who are experiencing episodes of mental or emotional distress,” Bronin said.

Under the new initiative, 911 emergency dispatchers will be tasked with determining the most appropriate response based on the situation.

Partners include the Capitol Region Mental Health Center, a local mental health authority operated by the state Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. The center will respond to emergencies involving adults “in grave distress” or in “situations involving major mental illness,” officials said.

For adults experiencing distress that is less acute, 911 dispatchers can connect

with members from the Community Renewal Team who specialize in deescalation and serve as a bridge to longer-term services.

Support for children and youth will be provided by the Wheeler Clinic through both 911 and 211 calls.

The program’s full launch won’t happen on a single, specific date, but will instead scale up as more staff are brought into the fold, Bronin said, adding that the team has taken an “important step forward.”

The Wheeler Clinic, for example, this week had its “soft launch” after successfully filling new positions, according to Sabrina Trocchi, clinic president and CEO.

Trocchi said the team has already responded to seven calls this week, and feedback from responders has been overwhelmingly positive. Staff members have told Trocchi “This is exactly what this program was envisioned to do,” she said.

Bronin said the team could eventually have the capacity to respond to hundreds, if not thousands, of calls as the initiative scales up. The city will track the number of incidents the team responds to, he said.

“In the very first week, one of the three partners of the HEARTeam has responded to seven calls. I think that gives you some indication of the level of need out there,” Bronin said.

The need for mental health services was also acknowledged by Patricia A. McIntosh, HEARTeam project manager and social worker most recently with Connecticut Children’s. The toll of the pandemic is well-documented, with the effects of isolation and illness still reverberating through communities.

“We’ve heard that people are tired, they’re exhausted,” McIntosh said. “And we know that providing compassionate care,

humane and safe response, is going to be the way we can help to improve the wellness of our community.”

Hartford is one of several cities that pledged to create new modes of crisis response that didn’t involve armed officers in the summer of 2020, while activists across the country launched enduring, visible rallies around the “defund the police” mantra.

But those calls gained little traction. President Joe Biden effectively sounded the death knell for “defund the police” policies his state of the union address Tuesday night, declaring “The answer is not to defund the police. It’s to fund the police.”

HEARTeam is funded with \$5 million dollar that arose from a city budget surplus, which will last for four years as officials study the how the initiative operates.

One of the most important

challenges, Bronin said, will be in training 911 dispatchers to discern whether it is safe to send unarmed civilian responders into a crisis situation without the support of law enforcement.

Mental health responders will sometimes respond with law enforcement, and other times in place of law enforcement, Bronin said. The city will be “deliberate” about studying responses as the program ramps up, he added.

Hartford police and emergency dispatchers already have experience working with the Capitol Region Mental Health Center through the center’s mobile crisis unit, which police have been able to call on for years.

“Again, if there is someone in the community who is calling and knows that the situation they are calling about would best be met by a HEARTeam partner, we want to make sure they know that resource is available,” Bronin said.

Many municipal police departments already have crisis intervention teams within ranks, including Hartford. Nationwide, crisis teams grew out of the 1987 police shooting of Joseph DeWayne Robinson in Memphis, Tenn. Activists say these teams are often underused or misapplied, calling for civilian teams instead.

New Haven is in the process of developing a similar civilian initiative, called the Community Crisis Response Team.

The city of Hartford will host a town hall to discuss the program with community members and answer further questions on Tuesday at 6 p.m. on Zoom: hartfordct.gov/marchtownhall or by dial-in: 1 (312) 626-6799, Passcode: 876 876 5678 3745.

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US lays out road map to fight virus

White House touts ‘test to treat’ plan as infections tumble

By Zeke Miller
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It’s time for America to stop letting the coronavirus “dictate how we live,” President Joe Biden’s White House declared Wednesday, outlining a strategy to allow people to return to many normal activities safely after two years of pandemic disruptions.

One highlight is a new “test to treat” plan to provide free antiviral pills at pharmacies to people who test positive for the virus.

The 90-page National COVID-19 Preparedness Plan spells out initiatives and investments to continue to drive down serious illness and deaths from the virus, while preparing for potential new variants and providing employers and schools the resources to remain open.

“We know how to keep our businesses and our schools open with the tools that we have at our disposal,” said White House COVID-19 coordinator Jeff Zients.

Meanwhile, 140 million Americans, or 43% have now had COVID-19, according to a new assessment from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. That estimate comes from a surveillance program that tested nearly 72,000 blood samples that were sent to commercial labs from late December to late January. The samples were checked for antibodies from infection, and were distinguishable from antibodies that came from vaccination.



President Biden promotes infrastructure in Superior, Wis., a day after his State of the Union speech. **PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP**

More than 950,000 people in the country have died from the virus, according to Johns Hopkins University.

The White House announcement Wednesday follows Biden’s State of the Union speech Tuesday night in which he pointed to progress against the pandemic since last year, with a dramatic reduction in cases, along with readily available vaccines, and the likelihood of new tests and therapeutics soon becoming more accessible.

“This plan lays out the road map to help us fight COVID-19 in the future as we move America from crisis to a time when COVID-19 does not disrupt

our daily lives and is something we prevent, protect against, and treat,” the White House said. “We are not going to just ‘live with COVID.’ Because of our work, we are no longer going to let COVID-19 dictate how we live.”

That tracked Biden’s speech Tuesday: “Tonight, I can say we are moving forward safely, back to more normal routines. It’s time for Americans to get back to work and fill our great downtowns again.”

COVID-19 cases have fallen to their lowest level since last summer in recent weeks, after a winter spike from the highly transmissible omicron variant. Deaths,

though, which lag cases by weeks, are still elevated, with an average of nearly 1,700 people dying in the U.S. each day. Officials emphasize that most instances of serious illnesses and death in the U.S. occur among those who are unvaccinated or who have not received a booster dose of vaccine.

The White House’s strategy comes days after the CDC loosened its guidance for when face masks should be worn in public indoor settings, placing more emphasis on local capacity to treat serious disease than overall case counts. Now more than 70% of the country can safely remove masks indoors, the CDC says, and

the percentage is expected to grow as cases continue to decline.

While most states and localities moved to relax their mask requirements even before the CDC change, many have kept mandates in place for schools, and the federal government continues to require face masks on public transportation, including airplanes. The federal mandate is to expire March 18, and health officials did not provide any indication whether it would be extended.

Meanwhile, businesses across the country are struggling to navigate employees’ lingering concerns about COVID-19 and desire for the

flexibility of working from home.

A key component of the administration’s plan to convince American that it is safe to resume normal activities is the increasing availability of an antiviral pill from Pfizer that has been shown to reduce the risk of hospitalization from COVID-19 by 90%. By the end of the month, the administration says, 1 million pills will be available, with double that ready for use in April.

A White House official said the “test to treat” plan would initially roll out in hundreds of pharmacies across the country, including CVS, Walgreens, and Kroger locations, and would soon expand beyond that. Those who test positive at the sites would be able to obtain the antiviral pills for quick use.

One possible problem: The “test to treat” plan drew early concern from some pharmacists.

Anne Burns, a vice president with the American Pharmacists Association, said pharmacies across the country have struggled with staffing issues in recent months. Pharmacists already doling out vaccines, prescriptions and health advice are worried about the extra time needed if they add more COVID-19 testing and treatments.

“There’s just a lot of considerations that go into this,” she said. “It takes far longer than it takes to dispense most normal prescriptions.”

The administration said it also stands ready to rapidly administer millions of vaccine doses for children under 5 once the vaccines are approved by federal regulators.

Some oligarchs speak out cautiously against the war

But the influence of wealthy Russians on Putin is unclear

By Jill Lawless
Associated Press

There have been social media messages calling for peace, an image of a murdered Russian opposition figure, a newspaper editorial demanding President Vladimir Putin “stop this war.”

As Russian forces pound Ukraine’s cities, the sentiments might not be surprising. Their source is — they come from rich Russians, including billionaires close to the Kremlin.

Russia’s war on Ukraine has sent shockwaves through the global community of wealthy Russians, who face sanctions that threaten their London mansions, Mediterranean yachts and children’s places at elite European private schools.

Some have begun, albeit tentatively, to speak out — though it may be too little to end the war, or to protect their Western fortunes.

“It’s very cautious steps, but nevertheless you can see they are already thinking of the future and trying to save whatever they can,”

said Elisabeth Schimpfoss, author of the book “Rich Russians.”

President Joe Biden told oligarchs in Tuesday’s State of the Union address that “we are joining with our European allies to find and seize your yachts, your luxury apartments, your private jets. We are coming for your ill-begotten gains.”

On Wednesday, Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen used a visit to Chicago to further spotlight U.S. determination to strip Russian oligarchs of their wealth.

“We have made it a priority to go after oligarchs or Russian elites who are key to President Putin’s corrupt power,” Yellen said. She added that Treasury, along with the Justice Department and U.S. allies, plans to “uncover, freeze and seize their wealth around the world.”

On Monday, London’s Evening Standard newspaper published a front-page statement by its Russia-born owner, Evgeny Lebedev. “President Putin, please stop this war,” ran the headline, beside a photo of a young Ukrainian girl killed by shelling.

“As a Russian citizen I plead with you to stop Russians killing their Ukrainian brothers and

sisters. As a British citizen I ask you to save Europe from war,” wrote Lebedev, who is the son of oligarch and former KGB agent Alexander Lebedev.

Lebedev is close to leading British politicians and was appointed to Parliament’s House of Lords by Prime Minister Boris Johnson, but he had previously refrained from criticizing Putin.

Three other Russian business tycoons — metals magnate Oleg Deripaska, Alfa Bank founder Mikhail Fridman and banker Oleg Tinkov — also urged an end to the war.

Deripaska, who founded the Rusal aluminum company and is considered an ally of Putin, wrote on the Telegram messaging service that “peace is very important” and talks to end the war should begin “as soon as possible.”

Tinkov, founder of Tinkoff Bank, on Monday posted on Instagram: “Innocent people are dying in Ukraine now, every day, this is unthinkable and unacceptable.”

Neither mentioned Putin directly. Nor did London-based billionaire banker Fridman, who this week was placed on a European Union sanctions list. Fridman, who was born in Lviv,



Russia-born Evgeny Lebedev used his newspaper, London’s Evening Standard, to publish a front-page plea urging Russia to end the Ukraine war. **TOM JAMIESON/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

Ukraine, called the war a “tragedy” that “should be stopped as soon as possible.” But he grew visibly uncomfortable when asked to criticize Putin.

“Hundreds of thousands of people are working for us in Russia. And you know, I don’t want to make any comments which potentially could increase their risk,” Fridman told reporters Tuesday.

Fridman also railed against his sanctioning by the EU, which called him an “enabler of Putin’s inner circle.”

“Imposing sanctions against us here just creates enormous pressure for us personally,” he said. “But we do not have any impact (on) political decisions at all.”

The oligarchs’ power to change the course of the war is probably limited. Western officials believe Putin’s inner circle is extremely small. Oligarchs who have fallen out with Putin have often ended up exiled, in prison or dead.

Chelsea Football Club owner Roman Abramovich — one of the highest-profile oligarchs who is not yet on

a sanctions list — has even offered to help broker peace.

Abramovich, a metals magnate and Putin ally whose net worth is estimated at more than \$13 billion, looks increasingly likely to face British sanctions. He said Wednesday he was seeking to sell Chelsea, one of the world’s top soccer teams, “in the best interests of the club.”

He’d earlier said he planned to hand stewardship of the team to its charitable foundation in an attempt to keep it out of sanctions range.



Andrey Gonchruk, 68, clutches a hunting rifle while exiting a basement Wednesday in Gorenka, Ukraine. **VADIM GHIRDA/AP**

Ukraine volunteers ‘holding on’ against all odds

By Francesca Ebel
Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Andrey Gonchruk served alongside Russian soldiers when Ukraine was part of the Soviet Union and called them brothers.

But Wednesday, the retiree wiped his face with one hand and grasped a hunting rifle with another, ready to resist their invasion of his country.

“This is a blitzkrieg,” he said.

Gonchruk, 68, stood in the rubble of a home shattered by what residents called a Russian airstrike in Gorenka, a village on the outskirts of Ukraine’s capital that has found itself in the crossfire as Moscow attempts to take Kyiv.

Gonchruk is one of tens of thousands of Ukrainians who have volunteered to defend their homeland. He and his son Kostya armed themselves after last week’s invasion. Together, they patrol the village.

The volunteer defenders also share the pain of loss. Residents said at least two people from Gorenka have been killed in Russia’s offensive and a dozen wounded. Several homes were destroyed Wednesday. Women stood in the ruins and wept.

“There has been a lot of destruction,” Gonchruk said. “But the people here are holding on well.”

Many men in the village also have military experience.

Ukraine’s army has distributed weapons to anyone who wishes to defend the country and has deployed thousands of reservists.

With a veteran’s eye and despite the rubble at his feet, Gonchruk took grim pride in the apparent setbacks the Russians have faced since their invasion.

“They thought they could come here and, in a day or two, they would take Kyiv, but look how they’re doing so far!” he said.

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WORLD & NATION

Activism on rise over book bans

More pushing back against efforts to pull works from schools

By Heather Hollingsworth and Hillel Italie
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Until a year ago, Stephana Ferrell’s political activism was limited to the occasional letter to elected officials. Then came her local school board meeting in Orange County, Florida, and an objection raised to Maia Kobabe’s graphic novel “Gender Queer: A Memoir.” And the county’s decision last fall to remove it from high school shelves. “By winter break, we realized this was happening all over the state and needed to start a project to rally parents to protect access to information and ideas in school,” says Ferrell, a mother of two. Along with fellow Orange County parent Jen Cousins, she founded the Florida Freedom to Read Project, which works with existing parent groups statewide on a range of educational issues, including efforts to “keep or get back books that have gone under challenge or have been banned.” Over the past year, book challenges and bans have reached levels not seen in decades, according to officials at the American Library Association, the National Coalition Against Censorship, or NCAC, and other advocates for free expression. Censorship efforts have ranged from local communities such as Orange County and a Tennessee school board’s pulling Art Spiegelman’s graphic novel “Maus,” to statewide initiatives. “There are some books with pornography and pedophilia that should absolutely be removed from K through 12 school libraries,” says Yael Levin, a spokeswoman for No Left Turn in Education, a national group opposed to what it calls a “Leftist



Amanda Darrow, director of youth, family and education programs at the Utah Pride Center, poses with books, including “The Bluest Eye,” by Toni Morrison, that have been the subject of complaints from parents in Salt Lake City. **RICK BOWMER/AP 2021**

agenda” for public schools that has called on U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland to investigate the availability of “Gender Queer” among other books. “Now we’re not talking about a public library or bookstores. We’re talking about K through 12 school libraries, books that are just pornographic and with pedophilic content.” According to PEN America, which has been tracking legislation nationwide, dozens of bills have been proposed that restrict classroom reading and discussion. Virtually all of the laws focus on sexuality, gender identity or race. In Missouri, a bill would ban teachers from using the “1619 Project,” the New York Times magazine issue which centers around slavery in American history and was released last fall as a book. The responses have come from organizations large and small, and sometimes from

individuals such as Ferrell. The American Civil Liberties Union, PEN America and the NCAC have been working with local activists, educators and families around the country, helping them “to prepare for meetings, to draft letters and to mobilize opposition,” according to PEN America’s executive director, Suzanne Nossel. The CEO of Penguin Random House, Markus Dohle, has said he will personally donate \$500,000 for a book defense fund to be run in partnership with PEN. Hachette Book Group has announced “emergency donations” to PEN, the NCAC and the Authors Guild. Legal action has been one strategy. In Missouri, the ACLU filed suit in federal court in mid-February to prevent the Wentzville school district from removing such books as “Gender Queer,” Nobel laureate Toni Morrison’s “The Bluest Eye” and Keise Laymon’s memoir

“Heavy.” The civil liberties union has also filed open records requests in Tennessee and Montana over book bans, and a warning letter in Mississippi against what it described as the “unconstitutionality of public library book bans.” Vera Eidelman, staff attorney with the ACLU Speech, Privacy and Technology Project, cited the U.S. Supreme Court’s 1982 ruling declaring that “local school boards may not remove books from school library shelves simply because they dislike the ideas contained in those books.” The tricky area, Eidelman acknowledged, is that schools officials are allowed to ban books for reasons other than not approving of the viewpoints the books express. Officials might determine, for instance, that the book is too profane or vulgar. The wave of bans has led to new organizations and to

a change of focus for existing groups. Katie Paris, an Ohio resident and the founder of Red, Wine & Blue, a national network of politically engaged “PTA mamas and digital divas” founded in 2019, said that last year she began receiving calls from members begging for help as debates over “critical race theory” erupted. Red, Wine & Blue started online sessions it calls Trouble Maker Training, which includes such guidance as “Present a calm face to counter the yelling and shouting” and “Own individual freedom: You can decide what is right for your child, but you don’t get to dictate what’s right for other families.” Red, Wine & Blue also launched a website that tracks book bans, raised about \$65,000 to organize against bans and is organizing an event in March featuring authors of banned books and parents from communi-

ties where books are being challenged. “We think education works best when it’s parents and teachers working together,” says Paris, the mother of 7- and 3-year old boys. “And if you don’t want your child to have access to a book, then opt them out. That’s fine. You just don’t want to just take that opportunity away from my kids.” Trying to get a book restored is often like other kinds of community activism — letter writing, speeches, attending meetings. Meenal McNary is a member of the Round Rock Black Parents Association, based about 20 miles from Austin, Texas. The association was founded in 2015 after a Black teenager was slammed to the ground by a police officer, but more recently became active in diversifying the curriculum and fighting efforts to remove books. Last year, a parent’s objection led to school district officials considering whether “Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You,” by Ibram X. Kendi and Jason Reynolds, should be taken off middle school reading lists. “We worked with a middle school teacher who started a petition, and that gained a lot of traction, with more than a 1,000 signatures,” McNary says. The distract followed a three-step review process — culminating with a school board vote — during which McNary and others helped organize people into writing letters, turning up for board meetings and telling others about the petition. “We had children speaking up in favor of this book, even though it was traumatic for some of them to read,” McNary says. “We had everyone from middle school students to grandmothers and grandfathers stating their reasons why this should remain on the shelves. The board ended up voting in our favor and the book is still there.”



A person protests COVID-19 vaccine mandates after fire was set to tents, mattresses and chairs Wednesday in Wellington, New Zealand. **MARK MITCHELL/NEW ZEALAND HERALD**

Protesters in New Zealand set fires as police break up camp

By Nick Perry
Associated Press

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — Thick black smoke billowed across the grounds of New Zealand’s Parliament and sirens blared Wednesday as retreating protesters against coronavirus vaccine mandates set fire to tents, mattresses and chairs. It appeared to be a final act of defiance as police broke up the camp that protesters first set up more than three weeks ago. Police retook control of the Parliament grounds although dozens of protesters remained in nearby streets, some hurling objects at officers. New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said that in planning the operation, police had expected hostility, resistance and violence — but it was another thing to witness it. “I was both angry and also deeply saddened. To see the Parliament ... desecrated in that way, and a children’s playground destroyed, by a small group of illegal protesters,” Ardern said. “But, as I say, it’s not

something that will define New Zealand’s response to this pandemic.” Protesters said in a statement they were united in wanting mandates dropped and to make their own informed choices regarding their health, free from coercion and punishment. They said the vast majority of protesters had been well-behaved and had chosen to camp as a last resort after other options for dialogue were quashed. The operation began at dawn, when police started telling people over loudspeakers they were trespassing and needed to leave, while officers tore down tents in peripheral areas and a police helicopter circled overhead. Some protesters confronted police and used milk to try and clear their eyes from pepper spray. Police also towed some of the roughly 300 vehicles that protesters have used to block streets. The convoy was inspired by similar protests in Canada. Police Commissioner Andrew Coster said some protesters had sprayed fire extinguishers and thrown paint at officers as they advanced, and others had

used makeshift shields and barricades. He said a laser pointer was aimed at the police helicopter. By evening, police reported they had towed about 50 vehicles and another 30 had left. They had arrested 65 people for trespassing, causing damage and carrying weapons. And three officers had been treated at a local hospital for non-life-threatening injuries. Coster said officers decided to move in because previously constructive talks with protest leaders weren’t progressing and many genuine protesters had left and been replaced by people more intent on violent confrontation. Ardern on Wednesday said the protest had been fueled by misinformation and conspiracy theories. She also pointed out that COVID-19 had spread at the protest and some protesters had been hospitalized. Lawmakers across all parties had refused to meet with the protesters. Ardern has said she plans to ease virus mandates and restrictions after the peak of the omicron outbreak has passed.

Space junk set to hit moon in a 5,800-mph collision course

By Marcia Dunn
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The moon is about to get walloped by 3 tons of space junk, a punch that will carve out a crater that could fit several semitractor-trailers. The leftover rocket will smash into the far side of the moon at 5,800 mph on Friday, away from telescopes’ prying eyes. It may take weeks, even months, to confirm the impact through satellite images. It’s been tumbling haphazardly through space, experts believe, since China launched it nearly a decade ago. But Chinese officials are dubious it’s theirs. Scientists expect the object to carve out a hole 33 feet to 66 feet across and send moon dust flying hundreds of miles across the barren, pockmarked surface. Low-orbiting space junk is relatively easy to track. Objects launching deeper into space are unlikely to hit anything and these far-flung pieces are usually soon forgotten, except by a handful of observers who enjoy playing celestial detective on the side. SpaceX originally took the rap for the upcoming lunar litter after asteroid tracker Bill Gray identified the collision course in January. He corrected himself a month later, saying the “mystery” object was not a SpaceX Falcon rocket upper stage from the 2015 launch of a deep space climate observatory for NASA. Gray said it was likely the third stage of a Chinese rocket that sent a test sample capsule to the moon and back in 2014. But Chinese ministry officials said the upper stage had reentered Earth’s atmosphere and burned up. But there were two Chinese missions with similar designations — the test flight and 2020’s lunar sample return mission —



A leftover rocket is expected to crash into the moon Friday, leaving an impact crater up to 66 feet wide and scattering surface dust for several hundred miles. **MICHAEL SOHN/AP**

and U.S. observers believe the two are getting mixed up. The U.S. Space Command, which tracks lower space junk, confirmed Tuesday that the Chinese upper stage from the 2014 lunar mission never deorbited, as previously indicated in its database. But it could not confirm the country of origin for the object about to strike the moon. “We focus on objects closer to the Earth,” a spokesperson said in a statement. Gray, a mathematician and physicist, said he’s confident now that it’s China’s rocket. “I’ve become a little bit more cautious of such matters,” he said. “But I really just don’t see any way it could be anything else.” Jonathan McDowell of the Harvard and Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics supports Gray’s revised assessment, but notes: “The effect will be the same. It’ll leave yet another small crater on the moon.” The moon already bears countless craters, ranging up to 1,600 miles. With little to no real atmosphere, the moon is defenseless against the constant barrage of meteors and asteroids, and the occasional incoming spacecraft, including a

few intentionally crashed for science’s sake. With no weather, there’s no erosion and so impact craters last forever. After initially pinning the upcoming strike on Elon Musk’s SpaceX, Gray took another look after an engineer at NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory questioned his claim. Now, he’s “pretty thoroughly persuaded” it’s a Chinese rocket part, based not only on orbital tracking back to its 2014 liftoff, but also data received from its short-lived ham radio experiment. JPL’s Center for Near Earth Object Studies endorses Gray’s reassessment. A University of Arizona team also recently identified the Chinese Long March rocket segment from the light reflected off its paint, during telescope observations of the careening cylinder. It’s about 40 feet long and 10 feet in diameter, and doing a somersault every two to three minutes. Gray said SpaceX never contacted him to challenge his original claim. Neither have the Chinese. “It’s not a SpaceX problem, nor is it a China problem. Nobody is particularly careful about what they do with junk at this sort of orbit,” Gray said.

WORLD & NATION

Putin looking to bypass sanctions

Russia banking on cryptocurrency, oil, natural gas supplies

By Fatima Hussein
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The harsh sanctions imposed on Russia and the resulting crash of the ruble have the Kremlin scrambling to keep the country's economy running. For Vladimir Putin, that means finding workarounds to the Western economic blockade even as his forces are fighting in Ukraine.

Former Treasury Department officials and sanctions experts expect Russia to try to mitigate the impact of the financial penalties by relying on energy sales and leaning on the country's reserves in gold and Chinese currency. Putin also is expected to move funds through smaller banks and accounts of elite families not covered by the sanctions, deal in cryptocurrency and rely on Russia's relationship with China.

Right now, "the biggest two avenues that Russia has are China and energy," said John Smith, former director of Treasury's financial intelligence and enforcement arm.

The U.S. and EU have levied sanctions on Russia's biggest banks and its elite, frozen the assets of the country's Central Bank located outside the country, and excluded its financial institutions from the SWIFT bank messaging system — but have largely allowed its oil and natural gas to continue to flow freely to the rest of the world.

While Russia is likely to turn closer to China to make up for lost supplies of goods and services it normally would get from the West, Smith said, "they're also betting that their enormous energy supplies will continue to be in demand, particularly during this cold winter. There's significantly



Pedestrians make their way past a currency exchange office this week in Moscow after the Russian ruble crashed against the U.S. dollar. PAVEL GOLOVKIN/AP

more profit to be made from their energy if they can get it to market."

Last month, Russia and China signed a 30-year deal that will allow Russia to supply gas to China, though the pipes to carry that gas won't be completed for at least three years. In addition, China announced last week that it would allow imports of wheat from all parts of Russia for the first time.

However, Smith said the Chinese and others "will be driving incredibly hard bargains" now that Russia has fewer willing buyers, and China will want to avoid being subject to secondary sanctions or sanctions violations enforcement.

On Monday, the U.S. further tightened its sanctions to immobilize any assets of the Russian Central Bank in the United States

or held by Americans. The Biden administration estimated the move could impact hundreds of billions of dollars of Russian funding.

The latest measures did include a carve-out that authorizes energy-related transactions with the bank. The penalties also do not impact Russia's gold stockpile, which Putin has been accumulating for years.

Tyler Kustra, an assistant professor of politics at the University of Nottingham who has studied economic sanctions, said Moscow had already been adopting a "Fortress Russia economy" — producing many goods domestically even if it was easier to import them — to shield the economy from sanctions.

Much of Russia's food is produced locally, but some

of it doesn't match similar foreign-made items while others can't be substituted, he said.

"My friends in Moscow say, 'Look, they've never really gotten cheese right,'" Kustra said.

An increased reliance on cryptocurrency will be an inevitable avenue for Russia to try to prop up its financial transactions, said David Szakonyi, a political science professor at George Washington University, "but it's unlikely it'll serve as a substitute for corporate transactions over time."

While about 80% of Russia's financial transactions in the past have been done with the dollar, federal law enforcement and Treasury officials are stepping up efforts to "aggressively combat" the misuse of cryptocurrency to evade sanc-

tions, according to a White House official who was not authorized to comment publicly and spoke on the condition of anonymity.

The official would not comment on whether the Biden administration is weighing targeting Russia-based crypto exchanges for sanctions.

The administration has experience regulating Russian crypto business.

Earlier this year, Treasury sanctioned Russia-based SUEX and 25 affiliated cryptocurrency businesses, blacklisting the exchange from the dollar financial system, for allegedly helping criminal hackers clean and cash out their loot. It was the first crypto business to receive that designation.

Ari Redbord, a former Treasury senior adviser who heads government affairs at

TRM, which among other things develops analytics on financial crimes, said his organization has identified at least 340 businesses in Russia that could be potentially used as "on and offramps" for crypto currency.

Redbord said that because of the breadth of the sanctions, the amount of crypto that Russia would need to replace the billions of sanctions "would be very difficult to off-ramp into traditional currency."

Ori Lev, who served as a head of enforcement at Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control during the Obama administration, said that overall, "whether it's using cryptocurrency or relying on China, there are mitigating actions they can take, but they can't recreate the financial system."

Intervention in Syria paved path for Putin

Observers point out 2015 decision helped test tactics used for invasion of Ukraine

By Zeina Karam,
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Associated Press

BEIRUT — From a tent in the rebel-held pocket of Syria, Ahmad Rakan has closely followed news of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. More than two years ago, a Russian airstrike destroyed his house in a nearby village during a monthslong Syrian government offensive backed by Moscow's firepower that drove him and tens of thousands of others from their homes.

"We more than anyone else feel their pain," he said of Ukrainian civilians currently under Russian bombardment.

For the past seven years, Syrians like Rakan have experienced firsthand Russia's military might as it struck opposition strongholds, brokered mass surrender deals and deployed military police across their country, practically rendering it a Russian protectorate on the Mediterranean.

Observers say Russia's brazen military intervention in Syria and the impunity with which it was met emboldened Vladimir Putin. They say it gave him a renewed Middle East foothold from where he could assert Russian power globally, and paved the way for his attack on Ukraine.

"There is no doubt that the Russian intervention in Ukraine is an accumulation of a series of Russian military interventions in Georgia in 2008, Crimea in 2014 and Syria in 2015," said Ibra-

him Hamidi, a Syrian journalist and senior diplomatic editor for Syrian affairs at the London-based Asharq Al-Awsat newspaper.

Putin "believes that America is regressing and China's role is increasing and Europe is divided and preoccupied with its internal concerns so he decided to intervene," he said.

Moscow's 2015 decision to join the war in Syria was its first military action outside the former Soviet Union since the federation's collapse.

It saved President Bashar Assad's government and turned the tide of the war in his favor, enabling the Syrian leader to brutally reassert control over much of Syria. Russian airstrikes often indiscriminately hit hospitals, schools and markets.

The war-ravaged country became a testing ground for Russian weapons and tactics that it can now bring to bear in Ukraine.

Anna Borshevskaya, a senior fellow at The Washington Institute focusing on Russia's policy toward the Middle East, said Russia deployed a "multidomain" approach in Syria, including long-range precision weapons and large-scale bombing campaigns, along with cyber warfare, disinformation and use of paramilitary forces.

Deploying its air power "has come to define Russia's evolving way of war and Syria was an especially important illustration of this development," she said.

Moscow also showed a canny diplomatic touch in Syria, creating arrange-



A shop sells porcelain decorated with the images of Russia's Vladimir Putin and Syria's Bashar Assad. HASSAN AMMAR/AP 2016

ments with the West that forced an implicit acceptance of its intervention.

It created joint patrols with NATO member Turkey which backed Syrian rebels, to enforce truces in some areas. It established understandings with Israel that allowed the latter to carry out airstrikes against Iran-linked targets in Syria. It set up a so-called deconfliction line with the U.S. to prevent mishaps between American and Russian planes flying in Syria's skies.

At the same time, it sought to defend Assad on the international scene, dismissing as fabrications Assad's use of chemical weapons and barrel bombs against civilians.

Within Syria, Russia added a soft power campaign.

In some areas, festivals were put on to popularize Russian culture, Russian national songs were played on Syrian television, self-serving propaganda was churned out and hot meals were served to civilians.

Max, a dual Syrian-Ukrainian national who hails from Syria's coastal province of Latakia, recalled working for a week as a

social media troll disseminating the "truth" about Russia's positive actions in Syria. He and other Russian-speaking Syrians worked from an office set up in a local university.

A member of Assad's Alawite ruling sect, he said he and others in his hometown were grateful when Russia intervened militarily in 2015, particularly as Islamic extremists had been approaching the area.

"Then the Russians came and the front line was pushed way back," he said in a phone call from Ukraine, where he was stuck in an Airbnb in a residential area of Kyiv at the time of the interview.

Max, who is now working for an international organization in Lebanon, had flown to Ukraine to update his personal documents when he became trapped there by Russia's invasion. He spoke on condition his full name would not be used for his safety.

Today, Max no longer buys into the Russian narrative. Many in his hometown in Syria, though, support Russia's war in Ukraine, as Moscow continues to

mount a sophisticated disinformation effort about the invasion of its neighbor.

Images coming out of Ukraine, including the harrowing mass flight of civilians, are stirring intense and conflicting emotions among Syrians at home and refugees across the globe.

Resentment runs deepest in the northwest province of Idlib, Syria's last opposition-held bastion, where Russian airstrikes continue to this day.

In a statement issued this week, the opposition's civil defense group known as the White Helmets group, deplored Russia's aggression against Ukraine.

"It pains us immensely to know that the weapons tested on Syrians will now be used against Ukrainian civilians," it said, lamenting what it said has been a lack of support from the international community in holding Russia to account in Syria and elsewhere.

"Instead of standing up for international norms, such as those against the use of chemical weapons, the international community has tried to find ways to

cooperate with Russia and to this day considers Russia a willing and essential partner in diplomacy," it said.

Borshevskaya said the lesson Putin took from Syria was that "the West will not oppose his military interventions" and it gave him a success to build on.

"Appetite comes with eating, and with each intervention he has grown increasingly more brazen, culminating in the tragedy we now see unfolding in Ukraine," she said. "Just as what happened in Syria did not end in Syria, what is happening in Ukraine will not end in Ukraine."

Rakan now lives in a tent with his wife and three kids near the Turkish border, where he runs a car parts shop. He said he hopes a Russian defeat in Ukraine could have positive repercussions for Syria's opposition.

"We pray for God for victory for the people of Ukraine, and we hope that this war will mark the end of Russia," he said.

"Maybe they (Ukrainians) can achieve the victory that was not achieved in Syria."

BUSINESS

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Ford splits its operations into electric, gas divisions

EV side to focus on technology, growth as traditional business seeks profits

By Neal E. Boudette
The New York Times

Ford Motor Co. has decided the best way to make the transition to electric vehicles is to transform itself first.

On Wednesday, the automaker said it had reorganized its auto operations into two distinct businesses — one that makes its gasoline-powered vehicles and focuses on maximizing profits and another that develops and ramps up production of electric models and aims for rapid growth.

Ford CEO Jim Farley said that the two businesses required different skills and mindsets that would clash and hinder each area if they remained parts of one organization.

“You can’t be successful and beat Tesla that way,” he said.

Sales of battery-powered cars are rising rapidly, a trend that Farley and other auto executives see as the industry’s biggest disruption since Henry Ford introduced mass production and the Model T in 1908. Ford, General Motors, Toyota, Volkswa-

gen and other traditional manufacturers are spending tens of billions of dollars to field new models, build battery plants and develop new technologies that Tesla has pioneered, such as advanced driver-assist systems and over-the-air software updates.

Farley said Ford would spend \$50 billion on electric vehicles between 2022 and 2026. It previously planned to spend \$30 billion in the five years ending in 2025. It plans to spend \$5 billion on EVs this year, double the 2021 total.

The company’s move was welcomed by Wall Street investors, who have placed a huge premium on the shares of Tesla and other electric carmakers over the past two years. Ford stock was up nearly 8.4% on Wednesday.

This spring, Ford is supposed to start full production of an electric version of its F-150 pickup and has taken reservations for more than 150,000 of them. It is also building two battery plants in Kentucky, and a third battery plant and an electric truck factory in Tennessee.

Ford’s reorganization is one of the most

sweeping taken by a traditional automaker in preparation for the transition to electric vehicles.

Farley said the plan had come together after he and other top Ford executives noticed stark differences in the two business areas.

In making gas-powered vehicles, Ford must focus on reducing costs and generating the profits it needs to fund its EV plans. Over the next four years, Ford aims to trim costs for its internal-combustion models by \$3 billion, with some cuts coming through job reductions, Farley said.

The electric business, in contrast, will have to spend heavily to develop software and technologies and to ramp up production quickly to achieve economies of scale. Ford aims to produce 2 million electric vehicles a year by 2026.

The EV group will be known as Ford Model e. Farley will serve as its president.

The internal-combustion business, known as Ford Blue, will be led by Kumar Galhotra, who was president of Ford’s North American operations.

Prices soar as coalition sticks to oil output plan

By Cathy Bussewitz
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The leaders of OPEC and its oil-producing allies are sticking with their plan to gradually increase oil production while Russia’s invasion of Ukraine rattles markets, reshapes alliances, kills civilians and sends the price of crude skyrocketing.

The OPEC+ coalition of oil producers — made up of OPEC members led by Saudi Arabia and non-cartel members led by Russia — chose to increase oil production by 400,000 barrels per day in April.

Since July, the coalition has been adding that amount of oil each month to gradually restore deep cuts to production made early in the coronavirus pandemic when demand for fuel plummeted. People have been driving and flying more as COVID-19 restrictions have eased in parts of the world, but the amount of oil on the market hasn’t kept up with demand.

Both U.S. and international benchmark crude oil pushed past \$111 a barrel Wednesday as investors worried about the invasion by Russia, one of the world’s largest energy suppliers. The coalition of oil-producing nations can benefit from high prices, but those high energy prices can backfire and push oil-consuming economies — their customers — into recession.

Before Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, the International Energy Agency asked OPEC+ to boost production beyond its planned increase, due to tight global oil supplies. The IEA took its own action to ease climbing prices Tuesday when the Paris-based organization, which counts the U.S., Germany, France, the United Kingdom, Japan and Canada among its members, agreed to release 60 million barrels of oil from strategic reserves to send the message that oil supplies won’t fall short due to the war.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

China opposing Russia sanctions

BEIJING — China won’t join the United States and European governments in imposing financial sanctions on Russia, the country’s bank regulator said Wednesday.

China is a major buyer of Russian oil and gas and the only major government that has not criticized Moscow’s attack on Ukraine.

Beijing opposes the sanctions, said Guo Shuqing, the chairman of the China Banking and Insurance Regulatory Commission.

“We will not join such sanctions, and we will keep normal economic, trade and financial exchanges with all the relevant parties,” Guo said at a news conference. “We disapprove of the financial sanctions, particularly those launched unilaterally, because they don’t have much legal basis and will not have good effects.”

Inflation climbs 5.8% in eurozone

LONDON — Inflation in Europe hit a record high for the fourth month in a row, raising questions about when the central bank should step in to ease the pain to people’s wallets while Russia’s invasion of Ukraine rattles the global economy.

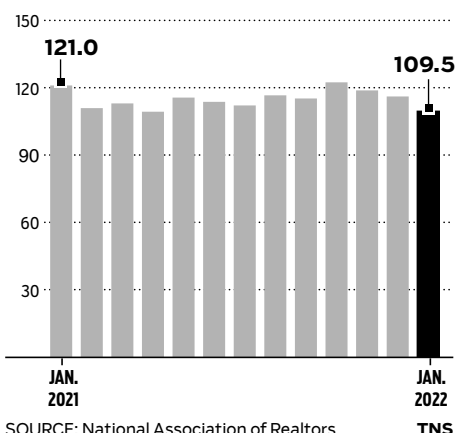
Consumer prices in the 19 countries that use the euro currency increased by an annual 5.8% in February, the European Union statistics agency Eurostat reported Wednesday.

The latest inflation reading smashed the record of 5.1% set last month to reach the highest level since records for the euro started in 1997.

Inflation in Europe, as in other major economies, has been fueled by surging energy prices, and the problem will be complicated by Russia’s invasion of Ukraine.

Pending home sales

The Pending Home Sales Index, a measure of housing contract activity, fell 5.7 percent to 109.5 in January 2022.



A review of 40 employment and business-related rulings by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson may be somewhat surprising. CAROLYN KASTER/AP

Don’t expect a rubber stamp

As evidenced by some rulings, high court nominee Jackson will not be easily categorized

By Tom Krisher and Dee-Ann Durbin
Associated Press

DETROIT — Labor unions and worker advocates have applauded President Joe Biden’s nomination of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson for the Supreme Court. Yet a look back at Jackson’s decisions in cases involving business and labor suggest that she won’t always rule as they want or expect her to.

Though Jackson is widely seen as a liberal on social and economic issues and as a defender of workers’ rights, her decisions, as a federal district court judge and then as a federal appellate judge since last year, defy easy categorization.

“She’s as likely to rule for a corporation in a race discrimination claim as she is for the plaintiff,” said Ted Ruger, dean of the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School, who served with Jackson on the Harvard Law Review during law school. “Like any judge who follows the law and listens to the evidence in the case, she may disappoint some who always want a predictably liberal outcome.”

Out of 40 employment and business-related rulings reviewed by The Associated Press, Jackson ruled for the defendants 30 times since 2013 while serving as a judge on the U.S. District Court in Washington. Many of the cases involved discrimination claims that employees had filed against government agencies. And they hinged largely on interpretations of arcane provisions of employment laws.

In one of her private-sector cases, Jackson ruled that a Lyft ride-sharing driver had agreed to the company’s terms of service when she signed up with the company, and therefore had to pursue arbitration to settle a dispute, rather than a class-action lawsuit. The driver had claimed that she and others were Lyft employees who were protected by a law in the District of Columbia that entitled them to paid sick leave.

In the view of Ruger, Jackson tends to closely follow procedural law, even when doing so might erect barriers for employees who want to make claims against companies or governments.

In one representative case from 2017, two Black employees of Lockheed Martin had alleged racial discrimination in the company’s performance appraisal system. The employees asked Jackson to certify a class-action lawsuit against the defense contractor on behalf of themselves and

roughly 5,500 salaried Black employees.

Jackson declined.

In her ruling, which relied heavily on a 2011 Supreme Court decision that rejected a class action against Walmart, Jackson found that the employees had failed to explain how the company’s performance appraisal system discriminated against Black workers. She concluded that they also failed to prove that the performance appraisal system discriminated against Black workers in the same way — a standard that would be required for a class action.

“Two anecdotes in a class of over 5,500 almost certainly do not constitute ‘substantial proof’ that any commonalities between them are pervasive throughout the class,” Jackson wrote.

The two employees eventually reached a settlement agreement with Lockheed Martin.

Lia Epperson, a constitutional law professor at American University’s Washington College of Law, noted that much of the work done by a U.S. District Court judge for the District of Columbia involves cases against the government, and she said Jackson showed fairness to administrations of both parties.

“She has a reputation of fairness and impartiality, and she seems to be guided by fidelity to fact and law,” said Epperson.

Tennis star serves \$111M toward venture fund

By Andrew Ross Sorkin
and Lauren Hirsch
The New York Times

Serena Williams’ early stage venture capital firm, Serena Ventures, has raised an inaugural fund of \$111 million that will invest in founders with diverse points of view, she said.

The investment firm led by the tennis star is already an active angel investor with a portfolio of 60 companies that includes SendWave, MasterClass and Daily Harvest.

“I’ve always been fascinated with technology and I’ve always loved how it really shapes our lives,” said Williams, who has been investing for nine years.

“When I met my husband, that was our

first conversation. That’s how we met. I was talking about investments.”

Williams’ husband is Reddit co-founder Alexis Ohanian.

Williams, who holds 23 Grand Slam tennis titles, was inspired by a talk between Caryn Seidman-Becker, CEO of the security company Clear, and Jamie Dimon, the chief executive of financial services giant JPMorgan Chase.

Onstage at an event, Seidman-Becker said that less than 2% of venture money goes to women.

“I go up to her afterward and asked, ‘Tell me about this 2% — I know maybe you misspoke,’” Williams recounted. “And she says, ‘No, it’s true.’ And I literally couldn’t wrap my mind around the fact that 98%

of all of this money we’re talking about — billions of dollars — goes to one type of individual.”

Serena Ventures does not require that its founders come from historically under-represented backgrounds, though it says that about three-quarters of its portfolio company founders do.

The founding partners of Serena Ventures are Williams and Alison Rapaport Stillman, who was previously employed at JPMorgan, Wasserman and Melo7 Tech.

Williams’ other business activities include fashion lines, entertainment deals and a seat on the board of Poshmark.

The new venture fund’s limited partners include Norwest, Capital G (Alphabet’s growth fund) and LionTree.

BUSINESS



European companies that have leased hundreds of planes to Russian airlines must find a way to fly them out in the wake of Western sanctions. SERGEY PONOMAREV/THE NEW YORK TIMES

European firms leasing planes to Russia harmed by sanctions

By Melissa Eddy
The New York Times

BERLIN — Western sanctions meant to punish Russian President Vladimir Putin for invading Ukraine may have also dealt a big blow to European companies that leased commercial aircraft to Russian airlines.

The majority of commercial aircraft flown by Russian companies are leased, more than half of them from companies abroad. Most of those companies are based in Ireland, a member of the European Union, which banned the sale or leasing of aircraft to companies in Russia as part of its sanctions package.

At stake is the fate of hundreds of planes worth an estimated \$12 billion, according to Ishka, a consulting firm that specializes in the aviation industry. Those based in Ireland are particularly exposed, with \$4 billion to \$5 billion worth of aircraft in Russia, it said.

The sanctions give companies leasing the planes until March 28 to terminate existing contracts, the Irish government confirmed this week.

But getting the planes back won't be easy. The repatriation of leased planes is normally planned years in advance. Airlines in Russia may not cooperate or may be ordered by Putin's government to throw up obstacles. Another challenge is that Europe and Russia have closed their airspaces to each other's planes.

"We are talking hundreds of planes that need to be flown out," said Phil Seymour, an aviation specialist with IBA, a consulting firm. He listed off the questions that the companies that own the aircraft now face: "Where in the world can they go? Will they play ball? Will there be any edict from above, telling not to cooperate?"

AerCap, the world's largest leasing company for commercial aircraft, said this week that it would fully comply with sanctions requiring it to cease leasing planes to Russian airlines.

Based in Dublin, AerCap is likely to be the company most heavily exposed to the sanctions, with 152 planes valued at nearly \$2.5 billion in Russia and Ukraine, according to IBA. Nine

other leasing companies based in Ireland also have planes in Russia.

In a filing to investors, AerCap said its contracts with Russian airlines, which according to its website include Aeroflot and Rossiya, accounted for roughly 5% of its fleet, by value, at the end of December.

The company acknowledged at the end of the year that doing business in places such as Russia was inherently risky. In a securities finding, AerCap said at the time that recovering planes would be difficult if it was forced to cancel contracts because of government sanctions.

Even when plane leasing companies are working with cooperative customers, they have sometimes faced problems. For example, the plane may no longer have the engines that were installed originally because airlines have swapped in others for maintenance or other reasons.

"It could prove very costly for the lessors," Seymour said. Normally, he said, before a plane is returned, it has to be brought back into shape.

NBC News makes aggressive push into podcasting world

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — NBC News is making an ambitious push into the podcast market, with audio series on conspiracy theories, the British royalty and legacy of Title IX in scholastic athletics planned in the next few months.

Bonus episodes of two popular recent podcasts, "Southlake" and the "Dateline" spinoff "The Thing About Pam," are also being released this month.

NBC News was tied for 11th in Edison Research's list of top podcast networks by reach, the only company that is known primarily as a television news broadcaster in the company's top 18. NBC News said the audience for its podcasts in 2021 grew by 19% over the year before.

"One of our biggest priorities continues to be generating original, distinctive reporting and pushing out across a variety of platforms," said NBC News President Noah Oppenheim. "Podcasts are a new format for us to play in, but it's rooted in the same fundamentals that drive all of our work."

NBC's podcast unit began with two people in 2018 and now has more than a dozen people devoted to the form. It was a key moment when one of the network's most popular personalities, MSNBC host Rachel Maddow, delivered the

podcast "Bag Man" about former Vice President Spiro Agnew, which is now being made into a movie.

Maddow is on hiatus from her daily MSNBC show, in part to work on another podcast. Neither she nor Oppenheim would reveal what it's about. (Maddow is expected to appear on MSNBC during coverage of major events.)

"Southlake" is touted as an example of how NBC used its news experience to create a podcast. The series about a Texas community's debates over the teaching of racial issues in public schools began when one of the network's regional reporters, Mike Hixenbaugh, noted what was going on there and produced a digital feature about it. He teamed with correspondent Antonia Hylton to turn it into a podcast.

The more reporters NBC has embedded in communities, the better the chance it has to find such stories, Oppenheim said.

"People like the investigations," said Madeleine Haeringer, an NBC News senior vice president in charge of the podcast unit. "They like to be in a story as it unfolds."

One well-received series, "American Radical," featured MSNBC anchor Ayman Mohyeldin returning to his hometown to report on a woman who had become radicalized politically.

Not every television story adapts itself well to the podcast format, since they take time and considerable reporting to develop characters and include twists and turns enough to sustain the interest of listeners. NBC has brought on people experienced in the format for its unit, Haeringer said.

NBC News' success in podcasting is driven primarily by "Dateline NBC," which it has cleverly positioned into a brand of its own with true crime projects, said James Cridland, editor of the trade publication Podnews. In Edison Research's list of the top 50 podcasts of last year, "Dateline NBC" and "The Rachel Maddow Show" are NBC's two entries.

"Much of NBC's podcast output is reheated TV shows," Cridland said. But with research showing young audiences attracted to audio formats, it's a strategic move to aggressively get into the podcast business, he said.

As a new format, podcasts are wide open to companies of all sorts. Spotify is a big player in the industry, as are other large audio-based companies like iHeartRadio and SXM Media.

There are those who focus primarily on podcasts, like Wondery and Kast Media, corporate behemoths like Disney and ViacomCBS, and those known best in other mediums, like NPR and The New York Times.



Promotional art for podcasts produced by NBC News. NBC NEWS

MARKET RUNDOWN

Thursday, March 3, 2022

▲ **DOW**
33,891.35 +596.40

▲ **10-YR T-BOND**
1.86% +.14

▼ **GOLD**
\$1,920.90 -21.50

10 DAYS

Dow Jones Industrials
Close: 33,891.35
Change: 596.40 (1.8%)

Commodities

	CLOSE	PREV.	YTD
FUELS			
Crude Oil (bbl)	110.60	103.41	+47.05%
Natural Gas (mm btu)	4.76	4.57	+27.67%
Unleaded Gas (gal)	3.31	3.09	+48.47%
METALS			
Gold (oz)	1,920.90	1,942.40	+5.11%
Silver (oz)	25.18	25.53	+7.95%

(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.)

Foreign Exchange

	ForEx in U.S. \$	U.S. \$ in ForEx
Britain	1.3377	.7475
Canada	.7905	1.2651
China	.1582	6.3211
Euro	1.1126	.8988
Japan	.008652	115.58
Mexico	.048468	20.6322

Money Rates

	CLOSE	PREV. WK.
Prime rate	3.25	3.25
3-mo. T-Bill	0.33	0.33
6-mo. T-Bill	0.67	0.72
5-yr T-Note	1.74	1.86
10-yr T-Note	1.86	1.98
30-yr T-Bond	2.24	2.29

Global Markets

	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	%YTD
Frankfurt	14,000.11	+95.26	+6.99%	-11.87%
London	7,429.56	+99.36	+1.36%	+6.1%
Hong Kong	22,343.92	-417.79	-1.84%	-4.50%
Nikkei	26,393.03	-451.69	-1.68%	-8.33%

Domestic Indexes

	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD
DOW Indus.	33,891.35	+596.40	-6.73%
DOW Trans.	15,413.34	+394.95	-6.46%
DOW Util.	950.64	+11.64	-3.07%
NYSE Comp.	16,380.91	+311.75	-4.56%
Nasdaq Comp.	13,752.02	+219.56	-12.10%
S&P 500	4,386.54	+80.28	-7.97%
S&P 400	2,679.60	+70.29	-5.71%
Wilshire 5000	44,365.92	+792.56	-8.45%
Russell 2000	2,058.87	+50.36	-8.30%

Stocks of Local Interest				
STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	YTD %CHG
AMC Entertainment A (AMC)	18.53	+.21	-31.9	
AT&T Inc (T)	23.82	+.29	-3.2	
Adv Micro Dev (AMD)	118.28	+4.45	-17.8	
American Airlines Gp (AAL)	16.37	+.08	-8.9	
Amphenol Corp (APH)	76.17	+2.05	-12.9	
Annaly Capital Mgmt (NLY)	7.12	+.15	-9.0	
Apple Inc (AAPL)	166.56	+3.36	-6.2	
Avangrid Inc (AGR)	44.09	-.04	-11.6	
Avenue Therapeutics (ATXI)	.66	+.05	-27.3	
Bank of America (BAC)	43.16	+.69	-3.0	
Barnes Group (B)	45.24	+1.47	-2.9	
Booking Holdings (BKNG)	2163.52	+91.52	-9.8	
Brist Myr Sqb (BMY)	68.85	+.22	+10.4	
CVS Health Corp (CVS)	104.43	+2.38	+1.2	
Carnival Corp (CCL)	19.02	+.16	-5.5	
Carrier Global Corp (CARR)	44.91	+1.19	-17.2	
Charter Commun (CHTR)	570.99	-23.75	-12.4	
Chevron Corp (CVX)	154.14	+4.42	+31.4	
Cigna Corp (CI)	240.51	+3.41	+4.7	
Citigroup (C)	59.56	+.97	-1.4	
Hutao Technology Co (CSCW)	.25	+.02	-51.1	
Comcast Corp A (CMCSA)	46.38	-.01	-7.8	
CooTek Cayman Inc (CTK)	.26	-.06	-57.7	
Disney (DIS)	147.34	+1.64	-4.9	
DraftKings Inc (DKNG)	23.19	-.33	-15.6	
EMCOR Group Inc (EME)	116.22	+4.98	-8.8	
Ethan Allen (ETD)	26.13	+.69	-.6	
Eversource Energy (ES)	80.75	+.95	-11.2	
Excure Inc (XCUR)	.26	+.05	+30.7	
Exxon Mobil Corp (XOM)	80.53	+1.36	+31.6	
Ford Motor (F)	18.10	+1.40	-12.9	
FuelCell Energy (FCEL)	6.07	-.03	+16.7	
Gen Dynamics (GD)	235.75	+2.43	+13.1	
Gen Electric (GE)	94.16	+1.83	-.3	
Guardian Health Sci (GHSI)	.24	-.04	-62.8	
Hartford Fn Sv (HIG)	69.18	+2.69	+.2	
Honeywell Intl (HON)	186.44	+2.84	-10.6	
Horizon Tech Fin (HRZN)	15.51	+.31	-2.6	
Imperial Petroleum (IMPP)	2.06	+.58	-3.7	
Infosys Ltd (INFY)	22.59	+.43	-10.7	
Intel Corp (INTC)	42.87	+2.05	-5.1	
Kaman (KAMN)	48.31	+1.68	-1.9	
Keycorp (KEY)	24.17	+1.18	+4.5	
Kinross Gold (KGC)	5.45	+.26	-6.2	
Lincoln Natl Corp (LNC)	64.65	+2.37	-5.3	
MGM Resorts Intl (MGM)	43.73	+1.81	-2.6	
Meta Platforms Inc (FB)	208.11	+4.62	-38.1	
MetLife Inc (MET)	66.41	+1.97	+6.3	
Micron Tech (MU)	93.30	+7.04	+.2	
Microsoft Corp (MSFT)	300.19	+5.24	-10.7	
Mullen Automotive (MULN)	.98	-.05	-81.3	
Nordstrom Inc (JWN)	26.93	+7.39	+19.1	
Novartis AG (NVS)	87.68	+.56	+.2	
Nvidia Corporation (NVDA)	242.20	+7.47	-17.6	
Occid Petl (OXY)	48.37	+1.58	+66.9	
Otis Worldwide Corp (OTIS)	78.78	+1.13	-9.5	
Palantir Technol (PLTR)	12.06	-.12	-33.8	
Paramount Global B (PARA)	35.24	+2.98	+16.8	
Peoples Utd Fncl (PBCT)	20.54	+1.11	+15.3	
Pfizer Inc (PFE)	47.70	+1.95	-19.2	
Pitney Bowes (PBI)	5.04	+.13	-24.0	
Prudential Fncl (PRU)	109.37	+3.59	+1.0	
Pub Svc Ent Gp (PEG)	65.38	+.92	-2.0	
Raytheon Technolog (RTX)	100.74	-1.99	+17.1	
Rivian Automotive A (RIVN)	53.56	-.835	-48.3	
Rogers Corp (ROG)	272.70	-.30	-.1	
SS&C Technologies (SSNC)	76.03	+1.65	-7.3	
Snap Inc A (SNAP)	37.37	-.47	-20.5	
SoFi Technologies (SOFI)	11.58	+.38	-26.8	
Sthwstn Energy (SWN)	5.26	+.11	+12.9	
Stanley Black & Deck (SWK)	164.31	+6.27	-12.9	
Starwood Prop Trust (STWD)	23.89	+.64	-1.7	
Sundial Growers Inc (SNDL)	.53	+.02	-9.0	
Terex Corp (TEX)	39.94	+1.28	-9.1	
Travelers Cos (TRV)	173.68	+5.86	+11.0	
United Rentals (URI)	326.31	+13.27	-1.8	
UnitedHealth Group (UNH)	485.38	+9.13	-3.3	
Virtus Invest (VRTS)	240.09	+8.69	-19.2	
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A new age of nuclear proliferation

By Andreas Kluth
Bloomberg Opinion

There are many ways in which Russian President Vladimir Putin has made the world a more dangerous, brutish and frightening place. One is by raising the potential for nuclear Armageddon. Two scenarios stand out.

In the short term, we're all hoping his latest nuclear threat is just a bluff. During the rant announcing his attack on Ukraine, Putin sent this not-too-subtle message to the West: Try to stop me and "you will face consequences greater than any you have faced in history. [...] I hope you hear me." A couple of days later he ordered his country's nuclear forces to adopt "special combat readiness."

That's what the world has come to. The leader of a European nation in 2022 not only invades a smaller neighbor which did nothing to provoke him but threatens nuclear war in case things don't go his way.

Even if it is a bluff, it's more frightening than anything since the Cuban missile crisis, for two reasons. First, there are questions about whether the man has become unhinged. Second, Russia's nuclear

policy under Putin has in fact incorporated the option of precisely the sort of "tactical" nuclear strike he was alluding to. It's defined as a limited (if that is the word) atomic attack to end a conventional conflict on Moscow's terms. The Americans have dubbed this approach "escalate to de-escalate."

Even aside from the moral nihilism, the flaw in his assumptions is glaring. Nobody knows how to "limit" a nuclear conflagration. Other nuclear powers must react within minutes — by retaliating or not, for themselves or on behalf of allies; or by preempting subsequent Russian strikes with their own assault on enemy arsenals.

But even if the specter of tactical nukes passes, there's the long-term damage Putin has already caused. That's because he has probably ruined any chance that the international community will ever drive or keep atomic warheads out of the hands of more — and more dangerous — people.

To grasp this part of his legacy, look at this letter drafted in 1994, before Putin was even in power. It was sent to the Secretary General of the United Nations and underwritten by the Permanent Representatives of the U.K., U.S., Ukraine and Russia. Sign-

ing for the latter was Sergey Lavrov, who is today Putin's foreign minister.

At the time, Ukraine, a former Soviet republic, had the third-largest nuclear arsenal — about 1,900 warheads — after the U.S. and Russia. The world feared that its bombs and those in the other shards of the USSR would be impossible to control and fall into the hands of terrorists. But in history's greatest disarmament triumph, Ukraine, Belarus and Kazakhstan agreed to give up their warheads and join the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT).

In return, they got assurances outlined in that letter. Lavrov and the other signatories promised "to respect the independence and sovereignty and the existing borders of Ukraine; [...] to refrain from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of Ukraine, [...] to refrain from economic coercion," and other good things.

So much for all that.

Putin — always parroted by Lavrov — has broken every single guarantee his country gave in the Budapest Memorandum, as that 1994 deal was called. As Russian artillery rains on them today, Ukrainians are right

to regret giving up their nukes. If they had kept them, Putin might have thought twice about invading in 2014, and certainly about assaulting the whole country now.

Every aspiring or incumbent leader across the world has taken note — from tin-pot dictators here to mullahs there, from aspiring superpowers to stateless terrorists. Putin has taught them that to disarm is a mistake, no matter what you're promised, because sooner or later you'll encounter somebody, well, like him.

Recently, there was another echo of Lavrov's mendacity in 1994. In January, the five states recognized in the NPT as nuclear powers jointly declared that "a nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought." The wording harked back to a historic declaration by the U.S. and the Soviet Union in 1985.

But this time the leader of one signatory country was Putin, who was already massing his troops around Ukraine. With their lies, duplicity and bad faith, Putin, Lavrov and their coterie are doing everything to lose the last, best hope on Earth.

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West must revisit its role in the world



Jonah Goldberg

In "The Sun Also Rises," Ernest Hemingway famously answered the question "How did you go bankrupt?"

"Two ways. ... Gradually, then suddenly." The last week suggests that getting out of bank-

ruptcy works the same way.

It's difficult to exaggerate the suddenness and significance of the change in attitudes — and policies — wrought by Russia's unprovoked and indefensible invasion of Ukraine. Imposing banking sanctions via the SWIFT system was considered too heavy a lift on the eve of the invasion. Now it has started in the U.S., Canada, Japan, the European Union and even "neutral" Switzerland. The U.K., long addicted to Russian oligarch money, has announced an asset freeze. BP and Shell have announced they will divest from Russia, as will Norway's sovereign wealth fund.

Russian planes — including the private jets of oligarchs desperate to rescue their money — cannot fly over the EU. Russian vodka is being pulled from shelves worldwide, and FIFA has suspended Russia from all competitions, including the World Cup.

But these moves pale in significance compared with the EU's decision to provide lethal military aid to Ukraine, reversing a longstanding policy against selling arms to countries in "conflict zones."

Meanwhile, Germany's about-face is simply staggering. For years, the Germans pursued a repugnant codependent relationship with the Putin regime; now they sound like they want a divorce. And not just from Russia, but from the hyperpacifist politics that defined German foreign policy for a generation. Berlin's last move under the old paradigm was to offer Ukraine 5,000 helmets and a field hospital. The scorn this meager gesture invited from allies, but more importantly from the German public, in the wake of Russia's onslaught, led German Chancellor Olaf



After a bridge was destroyed, volunteers carry rifles to reinforce Ukrainian troops on Tuesday in Irpin, Ukraine. **MARCUS YAM/LOS ANGELES TIMES**

Scholz to tear up his predecessor Angela Merkel's policies. Not only is Germany sending 1,000 shoulder-launched anti-tank rockets and 500 surface-to-air Stinger missiles, Scholz announced a commitment to a permanent increase in defense spending to finally meet NATO's 2% of GDP requirement.

Obviously, the events unfolding in Ukraine are the primary driver of all this. Except for diehard Putin apologists, few can bear witness to Ukrainian heroism and Russian villainy and perfidy and not be moved.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's stirring appeals to the EU, public and private, have been crucial.

"Example is the school of mankind," Edmund Burke said, "and they will learn at no other." In other words, the bloody reality on the ground demonstrated a fact that theoretical or historical arguments could not; the relative peace of the post-World War II order was not sustained — or sustainable — by talk and paper agreements alone.

But as with bankruptcy, this sea change was a long time coming and America has a lot to do with it.

Domestic partisan talking points are

fairly useless in understanding our role in hastening this revolution in attitudes and policy.

Donald Trump's exaggerated claims that his administration was tougher on Russia than either his successor or predecessor have some merit. He maintained some of Barack Obama's sanctions and imposed additional ones. Trump even signed, reluctantly, a sanctions bill on the Russian Nord Stream 2 pipeline, which President Joe Biden lifted.

But this leaves out two important points. First, many of the policies imposed by Trump's administration were pushed by officials working around his preferences. Second, and more important, Trump incessantly signaled that America's bipartisan commitments to long-standing security arrangements could no longer be assumed to be permanent.

And not just rhetorically. In Syria, for example, Russian forces attacked American troops and we did nothing, save ultimately retreat from Syria.

Trump was impeached for using — clearly needed — security aid to Ukraine as a bargaining chip to extract partisan ammo against Biden. Allied governments saw Trump's open hostility to NATO,

his indifference to South Korea and his rhetorical sycophancy for Putin and other despots and their strategic calculations changed.

Similarly, while Biden deserves qualified praise for his handling of the Ukraine crisis, it's meager compensation for the blow to American credibility struck by his incompetent withdrawal from Afghanistan.

Putin might well have invaded Ukraine absent the Afghanistan debacle, but it's hard to see how he didn't take it as a sign that America and NATO had lost the will to fight. And Obama's refusal to enforce his own "red line" in Syria, after Russia's client Bashar Assad crossed it, not to mention his relative acquiescence to Putin's seizure of Crimea, sent the wrong signals to friends and foes alike.

The international order abhors a vacuum, and America's shrinking role in the world — real and perceived — over at least three administrations made it reasonable for Putin to gamble that the sun was setting on that old order. But, as Hemingway said, the sun also rises.

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The not-so-secret Republican plan to raise taxes on non-rich

By Matthew Yglesias
Bloomberg Opinion

Ever since the 2018 midterm elections, Republicans have done a very good job of not describing their vision for the country. Instead, they have kept their focus on the culture wars and which progressive ideas they'll try to block.

That's in part the legacy of former President Donald Trump's personality focused politics. But it's also a habit that extends deep into the Republican establishment, with Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell saying in December that he had no plans to release a legislative agenda in advance of the midterms.

Last week Sen. Rick Scott of Florida, the head of the National Republican Senatorial Committee, released an 11-step "Plan to Rescue America." It packs plenty of lib-owning and culture-war trolling into its 30-plus pages — and it also reveals a clear aspiration to immiserate the majority of the country in pursuit of a hard-right economic agenda.

Perhaps its most obvious blunder is a call to raise taxes on millions of low-income Americans. "All Americans should pay some income tax to have skin in the game, even if a small amount," it says.

This idea that non-rich Americans are undertaxed is a long-held belief of the Republican donor class but it makes very little sense on the merits.

For starters, the U.S. levies two different taxes on income, one is an income tax and the other is a payroll tax. The way these taxes are structured, people with low earnings pay a payroll tax on their income but not an income tax on their income. This is something of a semantic oddity, but the fact remains: People who earn income are paying a progressive tax on that income, which is how it should be.

Conservative elites have long yearned to cut Social Security benefits while often being restrained from saying so clearly — both because Social Security cuts are unpopular and because the base of the modern Republican Party is increasingly composed of elderly people. Yet the conservative id can't help but deplore the existence of large programs that help make it more comfortable for non-rich people to retire. In addition to the plan to tax retirees, Scott's plan proposes to "force Congress to issue a report every year telling the public what they plan to do when Social Security and Medicare go bankrupt" — trying to edge entitlement cuts back onto the public agenda.

Even more pointedly, the plan proposes the following principle: "No government assistance unless you are disabled or aggressively seeking work. If you can work, but refuse to work, you cannot live off the hard work and sweat of your fellow Americans."

Scott intends the audience to hear that as an attack on welfare recipients or single mothers, but by far the largest share of government spending on benefits for non-workers is Social Security, followed by Medicare. Even for Medicaid, a majority of spending is on seniors, the disabled and children. To slash spending on non-workers, it will be necessary to go after kids and the elderly.

And the hits don't stop there. The plan calls for a rule that "no government employee can make more than five times the national median individual income," which sounds like a nice populist talking point until you think it through. Median personal income in the U.S. is just \$35,000 (remember, again, that the population includes the retirees and full-time students). This would entail small pay cuts for America's top ranking military officers and huge pay cuts for physicians employed by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Scott continues with a proposed 12-year

term limit not only for members of Congress (which is unconstitutional) but also for "government bureaucrats" (which is not). So lawyers for, say, drug cartels would no longer need to go up against experienced federal prosecutors.

These are probably unintended consequences of Scott's demagoguery. The intended consequences involve government entities such as the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Consumer Product Safety Commission, which would no longer have experienced, talented personnel to make powerful businesses follow the law. The plan even proposes to "immediately cut the IRS funding and workforce by 50%," which would increase the budget deficit by creating a bonanza for rich people who want to cheat on their taxes.

Scott laying this agenda out is a clear indication of the direction the party intends to head if it's empowered. And it shows that while post-Trump Republicans have learned to downplay the details of the conservative economic agenda, they haven't abandoned it.

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Assessed on the Grand List of 2019, 110 Coleman Road in the name of Katharine Brunner Coyne, to satisfy taxes plus all charges accrued thereon: \$26,049.11 located at 12 Briar Lane, Assessor's Map ID 203/059, described in Wethersfield Land Records at Volume 1696, Page 0211.

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This is a public auction and property will be sold to the highest bidder on each individual property. The minimum bid for each property shall consist of the total of all taxes, interest, lien fees, and accrued charges due as of the date of the sale, except if the total of such amounts due is less than \$5,000 the bidder must pre-register and provide a \$5,000 deposit in CASH or BANK CERTIFIED CHECK payable to the Town of Wethersfield on the day of the sale, unless the minimum bid for a particular property is less than \$5,000 in which case the deposit shall be in the amount of the minimum bid. The minimum bids will be available in the Tax Collector's Office on or before Wednesday, April 20, 2022. For successful bidders, the balance of the purchase price is due by 4:00 PM, EDT on Thursday, April 28, 2022, or they shall forfeit the deposit and the right to purchase the property.

Bidders must provide a separate deposit for each property on which they intend to bid.

A Tax Collector's Deed in favor of the successful bidder shall be lodged in the office of the Wethersfield Town Clerk and shall remain unrecorded for six (6) months from the date of the sale. If the property is not redeemed during the six (6) month redemption period, then on Monday, October 24, 2022, the Tax Collector's Deed shall be recorded and title to the property shall then pass to the successful bidder. Note that title passes subject to the redemption rights of the IRS if there are any federal tax liens on the property. Additional information concerning this process may be found in section 12-157 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Amounts listed above reflect interest and charges as of February 28, 2022, only. Additional taxes, interest, fees, and other charges authorized by law accruing after the last of the month immediately preceding this notice excluding attorneys' fees and title search costs, have been added to the amount indicated as due and owing will become due subsequent to the filing of this notice.

THIS NOTICE HEREBY CONSTITUTES A LEGAL LEVY OF MY TAX COLLECTOR'S WARRANT(S) ON THE ABOVE DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE.

Dated at Wethersfield, CT this 28th day of February, 2022.

____/s/Marlene Desjardins
Marlene Desjardins, Tax Collector
3/3/2022 7162372

Connecticut

STATE OF CONNECTICUT SUPERIOR COURT JUVENILE MATTERS

ORDER OF NOTICE

Notice to Unidentified person of parts
unknown

A petition/motion have been filed seeking
termination of the above unidentified per-
son's parental rights made in minor child born
on 10/01/2021 in Hartford, CT to Tyesha N.
The petition, whereby the court's decision
can affect your parental rights, if any,
regarding minor child(ren) will be heard on
03/25/2022 at 9:30 AM at, 920 Broad
Street, Hartford, CT 06106
Signed: 2/28/22
Therefore, ORDERED, that notice of the
hearing of this petition be given by publishing
this Order of Notice once, immediately upon
receipt, in Hartford Courant, a newspaper
having circulation in the town/city of:
Hartford, CT
Judge: Hon. Michael Dannehy
Signed By: Clerk - Debra A. Rubert
Signed: 2/28/22

Right to Counsel: Upon proof of inability to
pay for a lawyer, the court will make sure an
attorney is provided to you by the Chief Public
Defender. Request for an attorney should be
made immediately in person, by mail, or by
fax at the court office where your hearing is
to be held.
3/3/2022 7162016

STATE OF CONNECTICUT SUPERIOR COURT JUVENILE MATTERS

ORDER OF NOTICE

Notice to Tyesha Napper, mother to male
child born on 10/01/2021 of parts unknown
A petition has been filed seeking:
Termination of parental rights of the above
named in minor child(ren)

The petition, whereby the court's decision can
affect your parental rights, if any, regarding
minor child(ren) will be heard on 3/25/22 @
9:30 AM at Superior Court, Juvenile Matter,
920 Broad Street, Hartford, CT 06106
Therefore, ORDERED, that notice of the
hearing of this petition be given by publishing
this Order of Notice once, immediately upon
receipt, in Hartford Courant, a newspaper
having circulation in the town/city of:
Hartford, CT
Judge: Hon. Michael Dannehy
Signed: Debra A. Rubert - Clerk
Signed: 2/28/22

Right to Counsel: Upon proof of inability to
pay for a lawyer, the court will make sure that
an attorney is provided to you by the Chief
Public Defender. Request for an attorney should
be made immediately in person, by mail, or by
fax at the court office where your hearing is
to be held.
3/3/2022 7161951

Linda Preysner, M.D. at Nutmeg Medical Group, LLC is
closing her medical practice effective 3/1/2022

You should arrange for a new doctor ASAP. You might want
to contact your insurance provider, the referral service at one of
the local hospitals or the Connecticut State Medical Society for
recommendations.

A summary of your medical record will be mailed with the
official letter notifying you of the practice closure. This will
supply more than enough information for your ongoing care.
Instructions on how to obtain your complete medical record are
still being finalized and will be sent at that time.

DEMINGRIDGE INVITATION TO BID

The Metro Construction Corporation is seeking bids from qualified
subcontractors, suppliers, and service providers for the construction of an 88 unit,
new mixed-income housing development on a greenfield site located in Berlin,
Connecticut. Interested parties must provide evidence of qualifications, including
but not limited to:

- Materials and trades bid per this advertisement include:
 - HVAC Contractor**
 - Electrical Contractor**
 - Fire Suppression Contractor**
- Minimum of ten years trade experience
- Experience working as a subcontractor on projects of a least 50 units
- References from building owners and supply houses
- Workers Compensation & adequate general liability insurance**
- Pre-bid meeting Wednesday, March 16th, 2022. Contact below for time/location
- Sealed bids due Wednesday, March 23rd, 2022, to the address below

The Metro Construction Corporation must demonstrate good faith efforts to meet
the 25% set-aside goals for SBE and 6.25% set-aside goals for MBE/WBE/DBE.

To request full bid package, use Dropbox link:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/i685gjtpymd9obz/AABX9IfEv4y9a0zOjy0tHmf_a?dl=0

Or contact:

The Metro Construction Corporation
6 Executive Drive, Suite 100
Farmington, CT 06032
wcsverko@metro-realty.com



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Minority/Women's Business Enterprises are encouraged to
apply.*

Tax Collector's First Constructive Notice – Town of Wethersfield, Connecticut

The following parties may not have been
reached by certified mail as of the date of this
notice. In accordance with Connecticut
General Statute 12-157, the following parties
are hereby constructively notified that their
interest in property may be affected by a Sale
of Land for Taxes to be held on Thursday,
April 21, 2022, as detailed herein.

This publication of notice shall also serve to
provide notification to the Internal Revenue
Service, and the State of Connecticut
Department of Revenue Services of the pos-
sible existence of estate tax liability on the
part of any estate listed herein under owners
of record.

The following property OWNERS of record
who may not have been reached by certified
mail:

a. 13 Wolcott Hill Road, Wethersfield, CT –
Bradley S. Milvae
b. 97 Brussels Avenue, Wethersfield, CT –
Luz Perez
c. South Meadow Road (Map ID 304/017),
Wethersfield, CT – Joseph Zaleski

The following lienholders, mortgagees,
encumbrancers of record or other parties
who may have an interest in the properties
being offered for sale and who may not have
been reached by certified mail; they are not
primarily responsible for paying the taxes on
these properties.

a. 13 Wolcott Hill Road, Wethersfield, CT –
Asset Acceptance, LLC
b. 97 Brussels Avenue, Wethersfield, CT –
Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
c. 610-612 Silas Deane Highway,
Wethersfield, CT – Leonard Battison
d. 610-612 Silas Deane Highway,
Wethersfield, CT – Shipman & Goodwin LLP

In accordance with Connecticut General
Statute 12-157: If no place of residence or
business is known and cannot be determined
by the tax collector for any owner, taxpayer,
mortgagee, lienholder or other encumbrancer
whose interest in the property will be
affected by the sale, in lieu of notice by
certified mail...the notice, together with the
list of mortgagees, lienholders, and other
record encumbrancers whose interests in the
property will be affected by such sale, shall
be published in a newspaper...having a daily
general circulation in the town in which such
property is located at least twice, the first
not more than eight nor less than five weeks
before such sale, and...not more than four
nor less than two weeks before such sale
(except from CGS 12-157).

Note that the listing of "additional lienhold-
ers" is required by state statute. Note that
this listing may not be a complete list of all
lienholders, mortgagees and encumbrancers
of record on all properties offered for sale,
but may ONLY represent parties who may not
have been reached by certified mail. This
listing should not be relied upon by potential
bidders as a complete listing of lienholders
and encumbrancers on tax sale properties,
and should not be used as a substitute for
the bidders' own diligence in determining the
character and suitability of any property.

Any party listed herein, or anyone with any
questions concerning this notice, should
contact the Wethersfield Tax Collector's office
at (860) 721-2825 or in writing to 505 Silas
Deane Highway, Wethersfield, CT 06109, as
soon as possible. You may wish to contact
your private attorney or financial advisor
to determine your rights and obligations
under Connecticut General Statute 12-157.
Employees of the Town of Wethersfield are
not permitted to provide legal advice to own-
ers, lienholders, encumbrancers or record
parties of interest, or potential bidders.

For updates on the list of properties offered
for the tax sale on April 21, 2022, please
consult the boards listed in the Town Hall,
505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, CT
06109

Note that the listing of a party above as a
lienholder, mortgagee, encumbrancer of
record, party in interest or "additional lien-
holder" is not meant to indicate that taxes
are owed by that party.

Dated at Wethersfield, Connecticut this 28th
day of February, 2022.

Marlene Desjardins, Tax Collector
3/3/2022 7162357

Request for Quotation #02-2121

The State of Connecticut Judicial Branch in-
vites qualified vendors to submit quotations
to provide Plastic Tamper Evident Property
Bags and Polyolefin Mailer Envelopes.

Quotations must be received by 11:30 A.M.
on MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2022. Late bids will
not be accepted.

VENDORS CURRENTLY REGISTERED UNDER
THE STATE'S SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE
PROGRAM ARE ENCOURAGED TO BID.

Bid package may be obtained by accessing the
Judicial Branch Purchasing Services web
site below.

www.jud.ct.gov/external/news/busopp/

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Employer
3/3/2022 7161469

Liquor Notices

LIQUOR PERMIT NOTICE OF APPLICATION

This is to give notice that I, **DANIEL CHAVEZ**,
970 FARMINGTON AVE WEST HARTFORD,
CT 06107-2139. Have filed an application
packaged **02/21/2022** with the Department
of Consumer Protection for a **RESTAURANT**
LIQUOR PERMIT for the sale of alcoholic
liquor on the premises at **970 FARMINGTON**
AVE WEST HARTFORD CT 06107-2139. The
business will be owned by **EL SANTO WEST**
HARTFORD LLC. Entertainment will consist
of: Disc Jockeys, Live Bands Objections must
be filed by: 04-04-2022.

02/21/2022<

OBITUARIES BY TOWN

Avon

Harry L. Ackerman, PhD
Lane Terry
Reginald E. Zurinskas

Bloomfield

Michael E. Mott

Canton

Harry L. Ackerman, PhD
Lane Terry

Glastonbury

Pauline Hunt
Karen Lindlauf

Hartford

Lawrence S. Jezouit
Michael E. Mott

Manchester

Geraldine K. Evangelista

No Additional Town

Diane C. Clehane

Other Towns in CT

Nicholas S. Buccheri
Daniel Graves

Out of State

Gemma G. Parent

Portland

Daniel Graves

Rocky Hill

Edward C. Parker

Simsbury

Reginald E. Zurinskas

Southington

Gemma G. Parent

Suffield

Edmund W. Suzenski

Tolland

Geraldine K. Evangelista

Wethersfield

Seymour A. Adil
Howard A. Willard, Jr.

Windsor

Basil A. Asteriades
Willard Pope, Jr.

OUT OF STATE

Gemma G. Parent
Keegan, ME

* Denotes name listing only.
Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.

OBITUARIES

Buccheri, Nicholas S.



Nicholas S. Buccheri, 40, of Stafford Springs, CT, passed away peacefully after a courageous battle with cancer on Monday, February 28, 2022, at St. Francis Hospital. He was born in Manchester, CT, son of Mark and Karen (Schultz) Buccheri. Nick was employed by Big Y Supermarket for over 15 years as a cheese merchant. He enjoyed the outdoors and being in nature. He especially loved camping with his wife and children and going fishing with his father and brother. Above all else, Nick loved his family - he found strength in their love and care. No matter how hard the past year was, he always put his family first. Nick had the kindest heart and a laugh that could make anyone smile - we are going to miss that laugh. Besides his parents, Nick is survived by his soul mate and wife, Michelle-Lee (Palardy) Buccheri; three beautiful children, Kayleigh and Myles Buccheri, and Damian Palardy; brother, Anthony Buccheri and his fiancée Jessica Paulding; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Lee and Cathy Palardy; grandmothers, Bertha Lanagan, Portia Palardy, and Gail Fisher; as well as many aunts, uncles and cousins. Calling hours will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2022 from 1:00-3:00 P.M., with a memorial service to take place at 3:00 P.M., at Introvigne Funeral Home, Inc., 51 East Main St., Stafford Springs, CT. Burial will be held privately. Memorial donations may be made to the Connecticut Children's Medical Center, 282 Washington St., Hartford, CT 06106. To leave a condolence online for the family, please visit: www.introvignefuneralhome.com

Introvigne

Funeral Home, Inc.

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Zurinskas, Reginald Edward



Reginald Edward Zurinskas, 84, of Simsbury, CT passed away peacefully on February 28, 2022. He was the loving husband of the late Jane (Green) Zurinskas for fifty-five years. Reginald "Reg" was born on August 25, 1937, in Danbury, Connecticut and was the son of the late Frank and Isabell Zurinskas. Reg surprised his parents by arriving early with his "mirror" identical twin brother Ronald; "Ron" being the righty and Reg the lefty. Weighing just over one pound, doctors offered little hope, but they survived and flourished in a home-made incubator made by their father and with mineral oil baths given by their mother. Perseverance was built into Reg's identity at an early age. Reg attended Danbury High School where he captained the golf team and was the "water boy" for the football team. He attended Villanova University where he majored in economics, was a member of the varsity golf team (with his brother Ron), and the Delta Pi Epsilon fraternity as pledge master. After graduating, he was a member of the Connecticut National Guard. Reg was dedicated to his role as a regional sales manager for the General Electric Company for thirty-seven years. In his retirement, he worked for Marathon Motors as a manufacturer's representative. If you knew Reg, you knew that the two loves of his life were his wife Jane, and golf. We hope it was in that order. His initial passion for the game of golf started as a caddy and when he lost his twin brother Ron in a tragic car accident, Reg found healing on the golf course and through his unwavering Catholic faith. He was a loyal parishioner of Saint Mary's Church in Simsbury for fifty years. His many golfing accomplishments included being a consistent low handicapper, holding the course record of 66 at The Ridgewood Country Club in Danbury, Connecticut, winning countless tournaments at his beloved Simsbury Farms, and winning the Connecticut State Senior Championship. He also qualified for the Connecticut Open once by acing his last hole. Reg loved participating in tournament golf throughout the state. He was committed to learning the rules of the game and became a Rules Official. He held board positions with the Connecticut State Golf Association and Simsbury Farms Men's Club and was inducted into both the Danbury Athletic Hall of Fame and the Simsbury Farms Men's Club Hall of Fame. Reg, Reggie, Grandad, or Grants was a devout spectator of his grandchildren's many sports. He was a die-hard fan of the Patriots, Red Sox, and Villanova men's basketball and UConn women's basketball teams. A fervent viewer of Jeopardy, Reg was also a snappy dresser who loved wearing madras and saddle shoes. In his spare time, he created and built a family favorite Christmas train village. In addition to his parents Reg is preceded in death by his beloved wife Jane and his two brothers, Ronald, and Robert Zurinskas. Reg is survived by his three children, Ronald Zurinskas and his wife Jenny of Charlotte, NC; Lauren Rosenfeld and her husband Daniel of Avon, CT; and Leslie Mather and her husband Todd of Avon, CT. Grandad will be deeply missed by his beloved grandchildren, Quinton, Reid, Jack, Samantha, Hannah, and Julian. Reg was especially grateful for the bond he had with his nephew, Brian Green. There are no calling hours. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday March 7th at St. Mary's Church, 942 Hopmeadow Street in Simsbury CT. Burial will follow in the Simsbury Cemetery. Arrangements are by the Vincent Funeral Home of Simsbury. Memorial donations can be made to the Friends of Simsbury Farms, P.O. Box 992, Simsbury, CT 06070. Please visit Reg's "Book of Memories" at www.vincentfuneralhome.com for online tributes.

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OBITUARIES

Pope, Jr., Willard "Bryant"

Willard "Bryant" Pope, Jr., 69, of East Windsor, CT passed away peacefully in his sleep on February 24, 2022. Bryant was born in Marshall, TX, the son of the late Willard Pope, Sr. and Clifford Jean (Gilstrap) Pope. Bryant moved to New England in 1976 with Jean (Strickland) Pope and their three dogs. He worked for the Hertz Corporation for over 30 years, retiring a few years ago. Bryant was an accomplished musician, starting with the drums at the age of two.. He was a prolific song writer and a recording engineer. Over the years he played with several local bands including Bear Mountain, The Renovator's, Off the Cuff, Sharp Dressed Man and The Arizona Maid Band. He is survived by two sisters, Donna (David) Kyte of Wimberley, TX and Angelique Zupa of Kyle, TX and by Jean Pope of Texas. Calling hours will be Saturday, March 5, 2022 from 3pm to 6pm at Bassinger and Dowd Funeral Home, 37 Gardner St. East Windsor, CT. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Autism Speaks at Autismspeaks.org

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Parker, Edward C.



Edward C. Parker, 71, of Rocky Hill, loving husband of Marian Abbott Parker, passed away on February 26, 2022, surrounded by his family after his battle with Lewy body dementia. He was born in Hartford, the son of the late Edward S. and Lucille Bilodeau Parker. He grew up in Farmington, graduated from Farmington High School, and received his B.S. and M.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Connecticut. Ed retired in 2009 from the then-Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection after 33 years of service. Before retirement, he was the Chief of the Natural Resources Bureau. He was also a past President of the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies and a lifetime member of the Connecticut Trappers Association. Ed loved hunting, fishing, trapping, and crabbing, especially in his beloved Passadumkeag, Maine, and on Cape Cod, and he adored teaching those crafts to others. Ed also passed on his great appreciation for the natural world by hosting game dinners and outdoor fires and by making apple cider, blueberry wine, and maple syrup. He golfed, albeit less successfully, with his longtime friends the "cards guys," and he was a passionate fan of the New York Yankees and Giants. Even until his last days, Ed could absolutely crush a handshake. Aside from his wife of 46 years, he leaves his children, Lauren Parker and her husband Alex Chaiken of Maine; Brian Parker of Massachusetts; and Shannon Hokans and her husband Carl of Colchester and their sons, Colin and Reed. Ed is also survived by his brothers, Thomas Parker and his wife Christine of Avon and Gary Parker and his wife Cindy of Salem, Massachusetts; their children; several aunts and uncles; and the many Abbott in-laws and out-laws, including his mother-in-law Majorie Abbott, and nieces and nephews. Ed's family is forever grateful to Liam Stickley for his help with Ed's care last year; without Liam, many things, including Ed's last Cape Cod family vacation, would not have been possible. Friends may call on Friday, March 4, 2022 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Farley-Sullivan Funeral Home, 34 Beaver Road, Wethersfield. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, March 5, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. in the funeral home. To extend condolences, please visit farleysullivan.com. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Lewy Body Dementia Association: lbda.org/donate.

Farley-Sullivan

Funeral Home

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Willard, Jr., Howard Arnold



Howard Arnold Willard, Jr. "Buz", 84, of Old Wethersfield, beloved husband for 52 years of the late Margaret (Leahy) Willard "Peggy" passed away on Thursday, February 24, 2022 at Hartford Hospital. Born on March 21, 1937 in Hartford, he was the son of the late Howard Arnold Willard and Virginia (Miller) Willard. A loving father and grandfather, Howard will be forever missed by his three children, Heather Willard and her husband Will Skarupa of Wethersfield, Howard A. Willard, III and his wife Laura of Richmond, VA, and Virginia Willard Falkner and her husband Gregory of Chicago, IL and his five adored grandchildren, Howard A. Willard, IV (Grant), Rachel Bugella, Charles Willard, Katerina Falkner, and Daniel Falkner. He is also survived by his sister, Martha W. de Richemont of London, England; his sister-in-law, Barbara Willard; his sister-in-law Kathryn Whitty of Jupiter, FL and many nieces, nephews and extended family members. In addition to his wife and parents, Howard was predeceased by his brothers, John B. Willard and wife Catherine, Palmer S. Willard and wife Jean, and William L. Willard and his sisters, Virginia W. Baer and husband Don, and Parmelia W. de Winter. Buz grew up in Wethersfield and West Hartford, graduating in the class of 1955 from William H. Hall High School. He attended Mitchell College and the University of Connecticut, where he met the love of his life, his wife Peggy, in Physics class. Together they ran a successful business restoring historic structures, Willard Restorations, Inc., for 25 years. Studying the history of the houses was a passion for Buz. He loved the Connecticut shore and boating. He and his family vacationed on their boat "Free Enterprise" to Nantucket, Block Island, Long Island, and the Hudson River. He and Peggy also enjoyed lobstering and fishing from their Grady White "Little Boat". Their love of family brought the children and grandchildren together each winter in New Smyrna Beach, FL and each summer on Lake Michigan. Howard was always an active member of the community and loved the First Church of Christ in Wethersfield. Funeral Service will be Tuesday, March 8th at 10:00 a.m. at the First Church of Christ, 250 Main Street, Wethersfield with the Reverend Deryk Richenburg officiating. Everyone is asked to please meet directly at church. The burial will follow in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford. Family and friends may call on Monday, March 7th from 4 to 7 p.m. at the D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, 277 Folly Brook Boulevard, Wethersfield. Donations in Howard's memory may be made to the First Church of Christ, 250 Main Street, Wethersfield (www.firstchurch.org) or to the Wethersfield Historical Society, 150 Main St. Wethersfield (www.wethersfieldhistory.org). To share a memory of Howard with his family, please visit www.desopofuneralchapel.com.

D'Esopo

Funeral Chapel

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OBITUARIES

Asteriades, Basil "Bill" Angelo



Basil (Bill) Angelo Asteriades, 92, of Windsor, beloved husband of Elaine (Keramitas) Asteriades passed away peacefully on Saturday, February 26, 2022. He was born in Fall River, MA on April 1, 1929, a son of the late Angelo and Nina (Tassou) Asteriades. He was a graduate of Weaver High School class of 1947 and at the age of 17 was enlisted into the United States Navy. He served overseas in four submarines mostly in the Mediterranean Sea. Basil was honorably discharged from the military after a six year tour. He returned stateside to Windsor where he married the love of his life Elaine in 1952. They were married for 69 years. Filled with ambition, a strong work ethic and a love of cars, he purchased a service station in Manchester. After a couple years he sold it and purchased a full service gas station in Windsor which he owned for thirty-five years and named Bill's Service Inc. It included towing and repairs, and became one of the larger stations in the area. Basil was a member of St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Hartford. He was also a member of the Windsor Lodge of Elks, The American Legion, Veteran of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, and the Silent Service of the U.S. Submarine Veterans World War II. In addition to his wife Elaine, Basil is survived by his daughters, Karin Price and her husband Daniel of Windsor, Constance Asteriades and her husband Taher Abusbah of Windsor, and his son, William (Bill) Asteriades and his wife Karen of Clermont, FL; six grandchildren, Jennifer Mitchell, Brian Price and his wife Lisa, Michael Price and his wife Lauren, Julie McGovern and her husband Sean, Amy Asteriades and her husband Dan Frawley, and Tyler Abusbah. Also, nine greatgrandchildren, Evan, Ellie, Brooklyn, Austin, Hayden, Madelyn, Chloe, Liam and Colin and leaves his brother, Ernest Asteriades, his wife Cathy and their daughter Dina. His family will receive friends on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 10 to 11 a.m. at St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 433 Fairfield Ave, Hartford, CT. A Funeral Service will follow at 11:00 am. Burial with military honors will take place in Windsor Veterans Memorial Cemetery. The service will be live-streamed at <https://www.stgeorgecathedral.org>. In lieu of flowers memorial donations in Basil's memory may be made to St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral. For online expressions of sympathy please visit, www.carmonfuneralhome.com.

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Ackerman PhD, Harry L.



Harry L. "Bud" Ackerman, Jr., 88, of Riverton, CT, beloved husband of the late Fame S. (Mannix) Ackerman, passed away Friday, February 25, 2022, at his home. Born in Wilson Borough, PA, he was the son of Harry and Doris Lorraine (Smith) Ackerman of Belvidere, NJ. Services will be private. Please see full obituary at <https://www.carmonfuneralhome.com>

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Hunt, Pauline (Colorio)



Pauline (nee Colorio) Hunt, 82, passed away peacefully at her home in Glastonbury, CT on Sunday, February 27. Pauline was born in Worcester, MA to Mary and Anthony Colorio. The eldest of eleven siblings, Pauline was raised in a loving home with her extended family ever-present, including her dear cousin Shirley. She graduated from Sacred Heart High School 1957. Pauline retired from Aetna Life and Casualty Insurance. She courageously moved her family to Connecticut in 1976 for better opportunities within Aetna's Hartford office. Soon after, she met her beloved husband of 42 years, Peter Hunt, and moved to Glastonbury. Pauline and Peter shared an infectious humor and playfulness. Throughout their marriage, they enjoyed traveling around the world together, spending weekends at Amston Lake, and visiting Florida with Pauline's favorite Uncle Frankie. In retirement they maintained an enviable social schedule. Pauline particularly enjoyed participating in Eastern Star. Pauline also loved spending time with her grandchildren, she could often be seen in the audience of school plays and concerts, dance recitals, and graduations. Her grandchildren looked forward to every opportunity to spend the day at "Nonnie's house," where they could always find treats in the cookie jar and learned important life lessons-like how to brew Nonnie's perfect cup of coffee. In addition to her husband, Peter Hunt, Pauline is also survived by her daughters and their husbands, Suzanne and Peter, Sharon and Bob, and Sandra and Thomas, as well as her step-daughters Laurie and Terry. She is also survived by her siblings Dominic, Stevie, Jimmy, Maryanne, Ann, Michael, Dennis and David, and her cousin Shirley. In addition, she is survived by her grandchildren Camile, Samantha, Christina, Avery, Joey, James, Jenny, and Jessie, and great-grandchildren Noel, Victor, Michael, Alexander, and Greyson. She is predeceased by her sister Janice and brother Tony. Services are private and held at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Dana Farber Cancer Institute, and Hope with Heart. For online condolences, please visit www.tierneyfuneralhome.com.

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Tierney

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Parent, Gemma G.

Gemma (Gagnon) Parent, age 78, of Southington, CT, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Thursday, February 24, 2022. Gemma was born to the late George and Alma (Lausier) Gagnon on May 16, 1943 in Keegan, Maine. After a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease, she is survived by her husband of 57 years, Joseph Armand Parent, daughter Paula Joerres and her husband Pete, son Jeffery Parent, and grandsons, Ian Joerres and Cameron Parent. Gemma is also survived by two sisters, Augustine Buck and her husband Wayne of Presque Isle, ME and Jean Gagnon of Van Buren, ME. Gemma was predeceased by her daughter-in-law, Marla Parent, brothers, Donald, Robert and Gilbert and sisters, Patricia and Georgie. Memorial donations in Gemma's memory may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Floor 17 Chicago, IL 60601 (<https://act.alz.org/site/Donation>). A celebration of Gemma's life will be held at a later date. Plantville Funeral Home has been entrusted with handling the arrangements. For online condolences, please visit www.plantvillefuneralhome.com.

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OBITUARIES

Clehane, Diane Catherine

Diane, who lived in Greenwich, CT, was originally from Bay Shore, NY. She was predeceased by her parents, Charles Clehane and Rita (Morley) Clehane. Diane was also predeceased by her beloved grandmother Ann Morley. Diane was the adored bride of James Donovan, and the loving mother to their amazing daughter Madeline. She is survived by her brother Christopher (Melissa) Clehane. Also surviving Diane are sisters in law Kathy (Donald) Mackenzie and Karen (Scott) Collins. Diane is also survived by brother in law Timothy Donovan and his wife Hinde Nessenbaum. Diane leaves three nieces – Catherine (Catie) Clehane, Fiona Mackenzie and Alexandra Mackenzie – and two nephews – Tyler Clehane and Daniel (Danny) Collins. She is also survived by her Uncle Edward and Aunt Marilyn Morley. Diane also had two cousins – Traci (Stephen) Bestercey and Christopher (Kendra) Morley.

Visitation on Thursday at Leo P. Gallagher & Sons Funeral Home in Greenwich, CT at 2pm–4pm and 6pm–8pm. Funeral Mass on Friday at St. Michael the Archangel Church in Greenwich, CT at 10:30am.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that a donation be made in Diane’s memory to the American Cancer Society or Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.

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Suzenski, Edmund 'Duke' Walter



Edmund ‘Duke’ Walter Suzenski, 100, of Suffield, passed peacefully on February 28, 2022 surrounded by his family. Born in Westfield, MA on December 27, 1921, son of the late Henry and Agnieszka (Lewandowski)Szuczynski and graduated from Westfield Schools. Duke was a proud WWII U.S. Marine Veteran serving from 1944 in Okinawa, and the occupation of China from 1945-1946. After graduating from Technical Schools he was employed with Hamilton Standard for over 40 years, retiring in 1983. He was an exceptional Machinist, handcrafting parts within blueprint specifications. His error-free work was honored, and used in the EC-200 Air Bearing Space Program. Ed was married in 1943 to his beloved late wife Pauline (Matyskiela) Suzenski, and they enjoyed 68 years together. Duke converted from the Polish National Catholic to the Roman Catholic Church before his marriage to Pauline. He was a communicant of St. Joseph Church and was active in the Holy Name Society. Duke also was active member of the Suffield V.F.W Landry-Sic Post #9455, serving as Commander.

He is survived by his four sons Donald and his wife Lucia Pandolfo, David and his wife Donna, Paul and his wife Barbara and Robert; 10 Grandchildren Melissa (Chris) Castelli, Gina Smith (David), Erica (Ryan) McMillian; Andrea(Michael) D’Errico; Rebecca (Tyler) Kruzel; Kimberly Suzenski(Evan), Kate Flowers (Kevin); seven great grandchildren Jillian, Caleb, Grace, Eloise, Michael, Abigail, and Owen. The family thanks his friendly neighbor Scott Guilmartin. Besides his wife Pauline, Ed was predeceased by his seven siblings Jenny Horacz, Wady Marge, Bernice Bonkowski, Helen Troy, Stanley, Frances and Mary; and daughter-in-law Martha (Potter) Suzenski.

The Funeral Services will be on Saturday, March 5 at 9:00AM from the Heritage Funeral Home, 1240 Mountain Road, Suffield, with a Mass of Christian Burial in Sacred Heart Church, Suffield at 10:00AM. Burial will follow with military honors in St. Joseph Cemetery, Hill St. Suffield. Friends may call to the funeral home on Friday, March 4, from 4:00-6:00PM. Memorial donations may be made to the V.F.W. Landry-Sic Post 9544, PO Box 366 West Suffield, CT 06093. For online condolences please visit: www.SuffieldFuneralHome.com

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Terry, Lane (MacLeod)



Lane MacLeod Terry, passed away February 22, 2022, from complications of heart and lung disease. She died peacefully surrounded by family in her home in Topsham, Maine. She was 81 years old.

Lane, or “WoWo” as she was fondly called by her immediate family, was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, sister and friend. She was born Lane MacLeod on April 18, 1940 in Glen Cove, Long Island to Marshall Mead MacLeod and Theresa Townsend Macleod. As a youth, Lane attended the Lloyd Harbor School and East Woods School in Long Island, New York. She graduated from the Oldfields School in Glencoe, Maryland in 1958, and then went on to attend Garland Junior College in Boston, MA, graduating in 1960.

Lane met Baldwin Terry (Bunny) during their high school years and married on June 15th, 1963 in Huntington, New York. She and Bunny then relocated to Canton, Connecticut living on Morgan Road for close to 50 years. There they raised their three boys, Porter, Marshall, and Grey. It was during this time that Lane worked at the Foothills Trader Newspaper, later owning a screen printing business, Spatters. Lane and Bunny eventually sold their home in Canton and relocated permanently to Topsham, Maine, where they have continued to enjoy the summer months in Small Point.

A lover of sports, Lane was known for her enthusiastic support of the Huskies - the UConn Women’s Basketball team; whenever there was a game, you’d be sure to find her centered on the TV cheering for “my ladies.”

Survived by her husband of 58 years H.P. Baldwin Terry, Jr., her sons and their spouses H. Porter B. Terry III and Carol Smith Terry, Marshall MacLeod Terry and Kristin Lesser Terry, Grey Mason Terry and Joey Lynn DeMeo Terry, her five granddaughters, Grace Faulkner Terry, Anna Townsend Terry, Hannah Lesser Terry, Lilli Catherine Terry and Boden Grey Terry and her sister Firth MacLeod Wilkinson and her spouse Patrick Joseph Wilkinson.

A celebration of Lane’s life will be held in Phippsburg Maine at 11:00 AM Saturday, July 9, 2022, at The Small Point Summer School, 10 Sprague Road. Reception to follow at The Small Point Club.

In memory of Lane, donations may be made to Small Point Summer School P.O. box 58 Phippsburg, ME 04562. www.smallpointsummerschool.org/donate-to-the-spss.

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Lindlauf, Karen (Anthony)



Karen Anthony Lindlauf (affectionately known to her family as Granna) died on February 23, 2022 at her home in Glastonbury, Connecticut. She was born October 6, 1940 and is the daughter of George and Ruth (Robarge) Anthony. She graduated from Windham High School in 1958 where she was the majorette captain, class officer and prom queen. She went on to attend Eastern Connecticut State University. She met her husband, Ronald W. Lindlauf Sr., while working at Pratt and Whitney. They were married on October 14, 1961 at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hartford. They spent 60 wonderful years together traveling the world, skiing, and playing tennis and golf. They had two children, Donna Kenny of North Stonington and Ronald Lindlauf Jr. of Glastonbury. As the children left the nest Karen began working as a marketing representative for Jonathan Wisconsin, a local graphic design company. She also volunteered at Child and Family Services and was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Hartford. Family was everything to her. She was a gracious hostess, gourmet cook and enjoyed hosting gatherings; always making them special and memorable. She was a talented tennis player and competed in regional tournaments as well as enjoying tennis with friends at the Orchard Hill Club in Glastonbury. Karen also became an avid golfer and played regularly with a special group of friends, as well as with Ron. Karen is preceded in death by her loving grandson Grant Kenny, as well as her parents and 12 older brothers. She leaves her husband Ron, her daughter Donna and husband Chris, her son Ron Jr. and wife Marylynne, four grandchildren, Maura Doyle and husband Kevin, Will, Maire and Teddy Lindlauf, two great grandchildren, Tucker and Colt Doyle and many nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 11:00 am at Mulryan Funeral Home, 725 Hebron Ave., Glastonbury. Burial will be in Green Cemetery. Friends may call on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am at the funeral home. For online condolences, please visit www.mulryanfh.com

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Graves, Daniel



Daniel Joseph “Dan” Graves, 48, of Bolton, CT, passed away on 2/24/2022, in Manchester, CT. Dan was born in Middletown, CT, to Richard and Judith Graves on 3/31/1973. He went to high school in Portland, CT and graduated in 1991. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology from the University of Connecticut, and a Master’s in Business Administration from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Dan’s career was in various levels of environmental management: a Project Geologist at HRP Associates, Senior Environmental Specialist/Project Manager at Bank of America, Account Executive at The Hartford, and most recently a Senior Engineering Consultant at Travelers. His true passion in life was for family and friends. He was a soft-spoken and deeply loving husband, father, coach, son, brother, and friend to so many. He will be deeply missed.

Dan is survived by his wife, Karen Graves, and daughters Riley and Makenna Graves; his mother Judy Graves; his siblings Chris and Pam Graves (Samantha, Megan, Nathan, Evan), Katie Graves, Jeff and Becki Graves (Carter, Carly); his mother-in-law Betsy Nelson, and sibling-in-laws Leslie and Jim Boulton, Mark and Sharon Nelson (Elliott, Roxanne, Corinna). He is preceded in death by his father, Richard Graves, and his father-in-law Peter Nelson. Dan’s family would like to offer a special note of thanks to his many close friends that have been a tremendous support, during the last couple of years, as he has struggled with this degenerative brain disease (BVFTD). Family and friends may call at the John F. Tierney Funeral Home 219 West Center St. Manchester, CT on Saturday, March 12th, from 3:00-6:00 pm. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in memory of Dan to The Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration (AFTD) at 2700 Horizon Drive, Suite 120, King of Prussia, PA 19406 or online at <https://www.theaftd.org/support-aftds-mission/> For online condolences please visit www.tierneyfuneralhome.com.

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Mott, Michael E.

Michael E. Mott, 70, of Hartford, CT passed on Saturday, January 22, 2022. Michael was born on July 31, 1951. Services entrusted to Howard K. Hill Funeral Services, 319 Barbour Street, Hartford, CT 06120.

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Adil, Seymour A.



Seymour Abraham Adil, 94, of Wethersfield passed away peacefully at home on March 2, 2022. “Sey” was born on September 5, 1927 in New Haven, Connecticut, the son of Abraham Hanna and Mary (Constantine Shia) Adil. He attended Hillhouse High School in New Haven and graduated with a full scholarship to Yale University. With World War II drawing to a close,



Sey entered military service and joined the First Cavalry Division 7th Regiment in the Army of Occupation in Tokyo, Japan. He returned to Yale after his service in Japan and graduated with honors in 1950. Upon his graduation he married Carol Ann Perrigo of Hamden, CT.

In 1951 Sey was employed by The Travelers Insurance Company Group Department and was assigned to Field Operations in 80 John Street, New York City. After a subsequent assignment in Cincinnati, Sey was transferred to the Home Office in Hartford and given increasing levels of responsibility, retiring as Secretary in Group Pensions in 1989.

Sey was an active member of First Church of Christ in Wethersfield, where he served as Chairman of the Board of Deacons and a teacher in their Sunday School. He also served as President of the Christian Activities Council, which consisted of representatives of Congregational Christian churches in the Greater Hartford area.

Retirement gave Sey and Carol the opportunity to travel extensively in Europe and in the Middle East, but much of their time was devoted to organizing and implementing a volunteer program of beautification for the Town of Wethersfield. That program, supported by sponsors of the Wethersfield Beautification Trust, continues today thanks to dedicated volunteers and the helpful support of the Town of Wethersfield.

Sey was preceded in death by Carol, his wife of 68 years; his brother Philip A. Adil of Lake Placid, NY; and his sister Helen V. Curtis of Guilford, CT. He is survived by his son Steven and his wife Lesley of Columbia, CT; his son Douglas and his wife Nicole of Northport, NY; his son Andrew and his wife Dawne of Wethersfield, CT; his son Thomas and his wife Janeen of Birdsboro, PA; his brother Anees A. Adil of Yarmouth Port, MA; his grandchildren Douglas, Derek, Rachael, Spencer, Justin and Austin Adil; his step-grandchildren Elizabeth, Julia and George Stoughton of Wethersfield.

Calling hours will be on Saturday, March 5 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at the D’Esopo Funeral Chapels, 277 Folly Brook Boulevard, Wethersfield followed by a Funeral Service at 12:30 p.m. at First Church of Christ, 250 Main Street, Wethersfield. Interment at the Village Cemetery in Wethersfield will be private. Gifts to the Wethersfield Village Improvement Association, 150 Main Street, Wethersfield 06109 would serve to encourage their good work. To share a memory of Sey with his family, please visit www.desopofuneralchapel.com.

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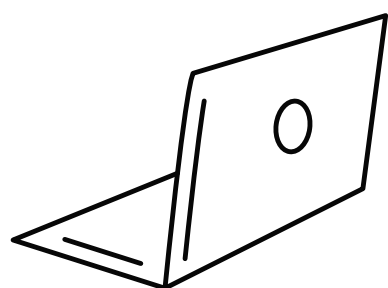
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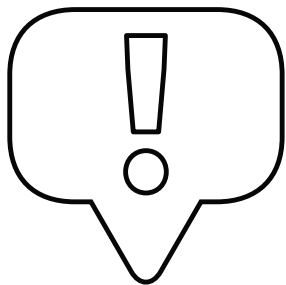
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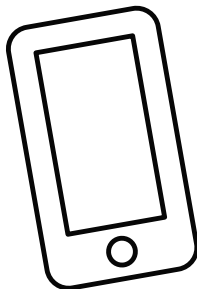
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MARLBOROUGH

Husband wants justice for wife after carjacking

By Christine Dempsey and Jesse Leavenworth
Hartford Courant

A 20-year-old and a teenage boy are in custody after their arrests in the brutal beating, carjacking and kidnapping of a 64-year-old woman in a Marlborough supermarket parking lot last year, state police said.

Kenneth Gordon, of Love Lane in Hartford, and a 16-year-old were arrested Tuesday on charges that include first-degree assault, first-degree robbery and first-degree kidnapping, police said. Gordon was in custody on \$1 million bail Wednesday morning and scheduled to be arraigned in Superior Court in

Hartford later in the day.

A judge ordered that the teen be held in juvenile detention and he was scheduled to appear in Hartford juvenile court Wednesday, police said.

In an interview with the Courant Wednesday morning, the woman's husband said he wants justice.

The family's focus is on making sure that the two people charged in the case are not released to hurt, even possibly kill, someone else, he said.

"We have to make sure the system punishes these [expletive]," the man said. The Courant is withholding his and his wife's name because she is the victim of a violent crime.

His wife "is healing well emotion-

ally, but she's still pretty traumatized, as I am," he said. She suffered a broken femur and had to have a metal rod inserted, he said.

He said he is working closely with detectives investigating the case.

"Now that it's coming to a head, we're going to have to relive the whole thing, but if that's what you have to do to get these guys off the street, that's what has to happen," he said. "We don't want this to happen to anyone else."

The allegations

It happened on Sept. 11, just as it was getting dark, in the

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One of the two suspects in the beating, carjacking and kidnapping of a 64-year-old woman from a supermarket parking lot in Marlborough is shown in this surveillance picture released by state police. **COURTESY**

Hoping for 'a miracle'

Supporters work to reopen Ireland's Great Hunger Museum on St. Patrick's Day

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

A group working to rescue Ireland's Great Hunger Museum — which was closed last year by its owner, Quinnipiac University in Hamden — has called upon the university to reopen it by St. Patrick's Day.

"People may think that it's not realistic, but it is realistic. All they have to do is go in and turn the lights on. The collection is all there," Turlough McConnell, executive director of the nonprofit Committee to Save Ireland's Great Hunger Museum, said Wednesday.

"We have docents all lined up ready to volunteer to work. It could be that simple. The only thing keeping the museum closed is that lock on the door. It could be opened. It'd be a miracle, but I'm a big believer in miracles. They can happen."

John W. Morgan, QU's associate VP for public relations, declined to comment about the possibility of reopening on St. Patrick's Day.

McConnell and other committee representatives approached university administrators in February with proposals to work with the university to reopen the museum. They are awaiting a decision.

Closed, but not just because of COVID-19

The hunger museum has the world's largest collection of art and artifacts about the 1845-1852 Great Hunger, which killed

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"Burying the Child" by Lillian Lucy Davidson has been exhibited at Ireland's Great Hunger Museum in Hamden. **QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY**

Avery's Soda hopes to raise money with Putin Punch

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

Avery's Beverages, the New Britain independent sodamaker famous for releasing special flavors based on news events, has created a Putin Punch, with a portion of the proceeds going to the Ukrainian Red Cross. The flavor was introduced on Tuesday.

Avery's General Manager Rob Metz said Avery's already has donated \$500 to the Ukrainian Red Cross. He added that at least

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Windsor's Khan elected as first Muslim member of Connecticut House

By Mark Pazniokas
CT Mirror

Maryam Khan, of Windsor, won a special election to the 5th House District of Windsor and Hartford, becoming the first Muslim elected to the Connecticut House of Representatives.

Unofficial results showed Khan, a Democrat, winning nearly 75% of the votes in a three-way race over Republican Charles W. Jackson and petitioning candidate Lawrence O. Jaggon to succeed former Rep. Brandon McGee Jr., D-Hartford.

Her victory shifts possession

of the seat from Hartford to Windsor for the first time since the district was drawn 10 years ago with boundaries favoring Windsor, but McGee managed five victories from his base in the city's North End.

Turnout was 8.7%, with 851 voters turning out in two Hartford and three Windsor precincts.

Khan has been a member of the Windsor Board of Election since 2017 and currently serves as its vice president.

McGee resigned to become the political director of the

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Connecticut state Capitol. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**

Is Diamantis investigation a liability for Lamont?

By Edmund H. Mahony
Hartford Courant

It began with a column in the Courant revealing a patronage appointment for the daughter of influential state budget officer Konstantinos Diamantis. It moved onto the front pages last month with the news that a federal grand jury is investigating three costly state spending programs. And it now threatens to become political ammunition as Gov. Ned Lamont heads into a reelection campaign.

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MANCHESTER

Police make real-time alert app available to residents

By Jesse Leavenworth
Hartford Courant

MANCHESTER — Manchester police have launched a smartphone app designed to alert residents to active investigations and help police fight crime.

Atlas One allows police to share real-time crime and incident information and provide residents access to crime reports and other department resources, police say. The free app became available Monday.

Police Chief William Darby had noticed departments outside Connecticut using the technology and thought it could be valuable in Manchester, police spokesman Lt. Ryan Shea said Wednesday.

Police will still post press releases and alerts on Facebook and Twitter, but the Atlas One app offers a tailored tool without all

the “noise” associated with social media, Shea said.

Police and other public agencies across the nation are using the app, according to the Atlas One website, atlas.one. “Your community is the ultimate force multiplier,” the company says.

The app, according to Atlas One, allows police to engage and motivate residents to help fight crime by publishing transparent information about incidents and investigations. It also allows residents to “easily and safely” share anonymous tips about crimes they witnessed or have information about, according to the company.

People with the app receive push notifications on their smartphones when, for example, police are looking for a robbery suspect in the area. Crowd-sourced intelligence and tips, according to Atlas One, result in increased

arrests, clearance rates and crime prevention.

Rocky Hill police are the only other department using the app in Connecticut, Shea said. People who have the Manchester app would receive alerts from Rocky Hill police if they were in that town at the time, or in any other community in the nation that uses Atlas One, he said.

Police do not have “granular access” to users’ information, Shea said. Also, he noted, although the app is free to download, standard data rates apply to users.

Shift commanders will decide when to send alerts, Shea said. The app also has a link to the department’s online crime report and police are working on enabling users to send tips, he said.

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50 cents per bottle of Putin Punch will be donated to that cause.

“Whenever something topical happens in the news, we try and commemorate it. This is a little different. You feel a little helpless with all this stuff going on and you feel like you can’t do anything about it. I mean, we make soda. So we decided to make a soda to try and donate it to a cause that will help people living there,” Metz said.

The bottle’s design shows Russian President Vladimir Putin being punched in the nose by a gloved hand that is blue and yellow, the colors of the Ukrainian flag.

“We showed that because basically a lot of people around the world would like to do that,” he said.

In the now seven-day-old war,



Avery’s Beverages of New Britain has produced a special flavor called Putin Punch. Proceeds will benefit the Ukrainian Red Cross. COURTESY AVERY’S BEVERAGES

Putin has waged an assault on Ukraine’s capital and other cities across the country that destroyed homes and public buildings as well as military targets and left untold numbers dead.

A senior Western intelligence official estimated that more than 5,000 Russian soldiers have been captured or killed, while Ukraine has given no estimate of troop losses, the Associated Press reported Tuesday. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said 16 children had been killed Monday.

Metz called the drink “fruit punch with a little twist, a little more acidic than normal.”

The beverage was produced so quickly that it currently is available for sale only at the Avery’s plant at 520 Corbin Ave. Metz said six bottles maximum will be allowed per customer, until they can get the label production ramped up. One bottle is \$2. When buying multiples, they are \$1.50 each.

Those who want to donate directly to the Ukrainian Red Cross can visit redcross.org.ua.

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parking lot of the Big Y near Route 2. The woman was getting into her car with groceries when she was approached by two masked men who demanded money. Armed with a handgun, they threw a bag over her head and struck her in the face with a hard object several times, state police said.

They “bashed her face with the butt end of a pistol,” the woman’s husband said. “They threw her down and stomped on her because she tried to get away,” he said. “They threw her down on the side of the car and started pounding on her.”

Police said the pair then stole her car with her in the backseat. They stopped at DND Food Mart in East Hartford, where one of the suspects used her ATM card to get money. A surveillance camera captured his image.

They drove to Berlin, where they threw the woman out of her car, state police said. They then drove behind a building where they lit the vehicle on fire, leaving in what

police said appeared to be an older-model Acura.

2021 a bad year for car crimes

It perhaps the most shocking of a series of car crimes in Connecticut last year that turned violent. Residents were fired on and even shot when they confronted people, often youths, going through their cars. In Glastonbury, a woman was shot at when she called out to trespassers in the middle of the night in early July, and later that month in Hartford, a man was shot through the thigh when he approached car burglars with a golf club.

In New Britain on June 29, a runner was fatally struck by a car that police said had been stolen and was being driven by a 17-year-old.

In the days after the Marlborough carjacking, state police said it had elements of a hate crime, but they declined to elaborate. The pair was not charged with a hate crime, however. In addition to kidnapping, assault and robbery, their charges were second-degree arson,

conspiracy to commit first-degree robbery and second-degree larceny.

Sgt. Dawn Pagan said Wednesday that said she couldn’t explain why there was no hate-crime charge since the warrant is sealed. Generally speaking, she said detectives sit down with prosecutors during the investigation and determine whether the facts meet the threshold for the charges under state statutes.

In announcing the charges Tuesday, Pagan called the kidnapping a “heinous crime that really shook the community.” She said the two individuals were in custody on unrelated charges during a good part of the last five months.

She thanked more than a half-dozen law enforcement agencies that helped troopers with the investigation: Homeland Security and police in Berlin, Hartford, East Hartford, Windsor, Manchester, Glastonbury, Middletown and Wethersfield.

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reelection campaign of Gov. Ned Lamont. The election Tuesday gives Democrats a 97-54 majority in the House.

Khan, 33, who recently resigned as a special education teacher at A.I. Prince Techni-

cal High School, said inequity in education was an issue driving her campaign.

“We’ve attended many vigils or funerals of students that have graduated but then have passed because of other things that they’ve gotten involved in, a lot of the violence that exists in our communities,” Khan said.

Khan has a master’s degree in

special education from Central Connecticut State University and taught in the Hartford public schools before starting at Prince Tech in the fall of 2019.

She will be the first Muslim woman in the House and the second Muslim elected to the General Assembly.

The first was Sen. Saud Anwar, D-South Windsor, a pulmonol-

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Since October, the news and talk at the state Capitol has been about what may or may not be an emerging scandal. The Lamont administration has been slow to release records that could shed light on the situation, and the U.S. Attorney’s Office won’t discuss it.

But here is some of what is known:

What’s at stake?

The grand jury subpoena, served on the state on Oct. 28, demands voluminous records associated with more than a billion dollars of state spending controlled by Diamantis — a billion alone for public school financing since 2018; nearly a quarter billion more for reconstruction of the State Pier in New London, the cost of which has ballooned from \$93 to \$235 million; and at least \$28 million in costs the state has incurred for the so-called emergency disposal of hazardous materials.

Diamantis, a lawyer and former state representative from Bristol, supervised all three spending streams from his dual positions as deputy secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and director of the Office of School Construction and Grants Review, through which the state distributes money raised on the bond market to finance municipal school building programs. He ran the school construction office from the relatively apolitical Department of Administrative Services until November 2019, when the administration transferred him and his jealously guarded school portfolio to the far more political OPM, the state budget office.

How did it all start?

The report in October that Chief State’s Attorney Richard Colangelo gave Diamantis’ daughter a \$99,000 job as an executive assistant was followed in short order by news that he hired her while trying to persuade her father to agree to raises for himself and his senior staff.

Months before his daughter was hired, construction industry officials had been quietly complaining about alleged heavy-handed tactics and possible contracting irregularities in the state’s spending on the school construction and hazardous material removal.

Within weeks of columnist Kevin Rennie’s report about the hiring of Anastasia Diamantis, the U.S. Attorney’s office, on Oct. 20, served its subpoena.

“Please provide all non-privileged electronic communications (including e-mail and text messages, and all attachments thereto), from January 1, 2018, to the present, involving Konstantinos Diamantis, concerning: (1) the planning, bidding, awarding, and implementation (including the construction process) of school construction projects; (2) the planning, bidding, awarding and implementation of hazardous materials abatement projects; and (3) the Connecticut State Pier infrastructure improvements project”

A month later, Lamont hired former U.S. Attorney Stanley A. Twardy Jr. to look into Colangelo’s decision to hire Diamantis’ daughter and Twardy concluded that Colangelo’s account of what happened lacked credibility.

What is being investigated?

FBI agents have been, among other things, conducting interviews and handing out grand jury

subpoenas to state and local officials involved in state financed school construction programs. In Tolland, where Diamantis’ office financed a \$46 million elementary school, school superintendent Walter Willett told the Courant that Diamantis told the town there “would be detrimental effects to the project” if it hired contractors other than those he chose.

There have been similar complaints about alleged pressure from Diamantis on a project in New Britain. And in Hartford, officials said they were encouraged to hire a construction consultant for more than \$1.5 million — even though the city already had another consultant under contract to do the same thing.

The construction industry also has complained widely about alleged irregularities in the award of contracts for hazardous waste removal. In some cases, industry officials said Diamantis’ office pressed municipalities to forego competitive bidding and hire from a short list of state approved contractors — one of whom got about two-thirds of the work between 2017 and 2021.

Where are they now?

Several figures whose names have surfaced so far are no longer working for the state.

Lamont sacked Diamantis for unspecified “alleged misconduct” — eight days after the state was served the grand jury subpoena. He was fired from his political appointment as deputy secretary of OPM, the state budget office, and quit after the governor suspended him from the civil service appointment as head of the school building program.

His daughter was suspended from her job as executive assistant in the state Division of Criminal Justice on Feb. 4, two days after Twardy criticized her hiring.

Melissa McCaw, secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and Diamantis’ boss, resigned Friday. It was McCaw and Josh Geballe, the commissioner of the Department of Administrative Services and the state’s chief operating officer, who moved Diamantis and the school construction portfolio between agencies, ostensibly to increase efficiencies. Geballe resigned on Feb. 1 to take another job.

On Feb. 9, Colangelo announced he will resign as Chief State’s Attorney on March 31 — just as he was about to face the state Criminal Justice Commission.

And Lamont?

Increasingly, he is fending off unfriendly questions about the Diamantis investigation.

He blasted Colangelo “ethical malfeasance,” but has doggedly stood by McCaw.

Lamont will probably get his biggest test during the campaign; the Republicans already are showing their hand.

GOP legislators called last week for a bipartisan investigation into the ongoing school construction scandal and they want the legal authority to force witnesses to testify.

Bob Stefanowski, Lamont’s likely Republican opponent, has been firing shots for weeks and aimed most recently at the McCaw resignation: “The departure of Governor Lamont’s OPM Secretary should not signal an end to the ongoing scandal and investigation,” he said. “We don’t yet know the full extent of corruption within the Lamont Administration, but as the people who pay their salaries, Connecticut residents have a right to know.”

Museum

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1 million Irish citizens and forced the emigration of more than 2 million others.

The museum closed in March 2020 when all other museums in the state closed as a result of the pandemic. The school’s board of trustees unanimously voted in August to close it for good.

In a virtual town hall that month, QU President Judy Olian blamed the closure on three years in a row of low attendance and insufficient fundraising. She said the school planned to distribute the museum’s collection to other museums.

The news of the permanent closure caused an uproar in the Irish and Irish American communities. Many compared the famine to the Holocaust and blasted the university for its decision. Others feared that the collection would be broken up.

An investigation was opened in October by State Attorney General William Tong into the museum’s closure. Tong spokeswoman Eliz-

abeth Benton said Wednesday that the probe is still ongoing.

Multiple possibilities

McConnell said in the Feb. 1 meeting with Debra Liebowitz, a provost, and Daryl Richard, the school’s VP for marketing and communications, that he and three others — Catherine B. Shannon, a Massachusetts history professor specializing in Ireland and the famine; Seán O’Dowd, an asset manager focused on restructurings; and Milford attorney Michael McCabe — offered three scenarios for reopening the space.

“The first one is, it’s their museum, their collection, their university, but how can we help them rethink that decision?”

“The second one, if they didn’t want anything to do with the museum, was that we have the expertise to reopen it and run it, including fund-raising.

“The third is a hybrid scenario between us and Quinnipiac, led by Quinnipiac,” McConnell said.

The university is in talks with “several different potential part-

ners” regarding the museum’s future, Morgan said in a statement.

“Quinnipiac agrees with the goals of keeping the collection intact and preferably in Connecticut. The university has been spending a significant amount of time engaged in productive conversations with several different potential partners and is making progress with respect to the IGHM collection and ensuring it continues to promote the vital story and learnings of the Great Hunger.”

Politicians speak

While waiting for QU to make a decision, the committee is taking heart from statements by President Joe Biden and other politicians that shine a light on Irish-American history and on the museum itself.

“Many Irish immigrants arrived on America’s shores to escape the Great Famine, only to face discrimination, prejudice, and poverty,” said Biden in a Feb. 28 declaration on Irish-American Heritage Month. Biden is a

descendant of famine-era Irish immigrants.

“The United States and Ireland are deeply and forever intertwined — linked in memory and imagination, in joy, sorrow, and resilience — by our common love and common dreams. We share, in every heart, an unrelenting optimism, a flicker of hope that guides us through even the darkest of nights.”

Five days before that, Connecticut Sens. Chris Murphy and Richard Blumenthal, and Rep. Rosa DeLauro, whose district includes Hamden, jointly released a statement supporting the reopening of the museum.

“Ireland’s Great Hunger Museum provides a sobering experience of the suffering and resilience of the Irish, a story that unfortunately has been replicated across many decades and cultures,” the statement said. “The museum has become a community treasure and we support the efforts to reopen it in its current location. ... Further, we strongly object to any proposal that results in the breakup of the collection or

transfer to a location outside of Connecticut.”

Ukraine

Meanwhile, McConnell cites the current crisis in Ukraine as a teaching moment about the need to help refugees, just like those that left Ireland during the 19th-century potato famine.

“That is the sleeping giant of this story, the sense of what this museum represents. Yesterday, we heard about 660,000 new refugees streaming from Ukraine. We realized the mission of this museum is more relevant than ever, to let others know that there is hope,” said McConnell said.

“The people of Ukraine are now seeking refuge from the very things we sought refuge from. In Ireland, it wasn’t just the food. It was the brutal treatment by a big bully neighbor. Ukraine is living under those same conditions. And God knows how many children on the roads today are hungry.”

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New name, same mission

The ‘JD’ in the Judy Dworin Performance Project now stands for Justice Dance

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

After more than three decades, the Judy Dworin Performance Project has renamed itself the Justice Dance Performance Project, but Dworin herself, who founded the company in 1989, says she’s not going anywhere.

“I knew when I started it I was in for the long haul. I love the partnership I have with this organization,” says the acclaimed local choreographer.

The name change, announced Wednesday, had to be approved by the company’s board of directors and had been under discussion for a while, Dworin says. The new name retains the same initials, but instead of its founder’s name it now conveys the company’s mission.

“Social justice has been a powerful phrase for us for a very long time,” Dworin says. “I had an interest in Shamanism, in the Native American worldview and other issues percolating in the earliest work I did. When the company first started, we were invited to Bulgaria. The translator on that tour told us about how her village survived

Chernobyl and how they hadn’t even been told about it happening.

“We did a piece based on that, ‘Rains,’ with the dancers holding umbrellas, which was our first social justice piece. Then they just kept coming. My work became rooted in social justice.”

Since 2005, JDPP has been doing creative collaborations with women incarcerated in York Correctional Institute and more recently began youth programs at the Cybulski Reintegration Center. The company also has arts programs for families of incarcerated parents and those who are in the process of resettling.

JDPP’s incarceration-themed show “Emergence,” which debuted in October at the Harriet Beecher Stowe Center and was recently made available online in a professionally made video version, will be revived for a performance in June at Old Newgate Prison.

JDPP’s community outreach has “only grown,” Dworin says. Following the protests about the death of George Floyd, the company started a new virtual series “for artists of color to share their work.” The next installment in the “To Climb a Mountain” series airs online March 18. The next live JDPP performance will be an environmentally themed work titled “In the Presence of Trees” to be presented outdoors this summer.

“The new name symbolizes the continuity of the organization.

The mission has not changed. The significance is that we went through so many changes during the pandemic. We started doing things in very different ways — rehearsing on Zoom, working on video when we couldn’t perform live. It was a turning point, and that’s what got me thinking.”

“Originally, when we started out,” Dworin recalls, “we were called Meta Arts, with five artists — some from Hartford, some from New York — who had some use for being part of a nonprofit. As it rolled on, the other artists realized they didn’t have to be under that nonprofit umbrella, so it came down to me, and it became Hartford-based.”

Taking her name out of the company title may lead to speculation that Dworin is stepping down from the company she’s guided for more than 30 years, but the choreographer insists “I will still be the executive director and the artistic director. I have no intention of doing anything but that. Years from now, whenever I do move on, who knows where, I want to have been a part of this.”

Dworin will continue to conceive and choreograph JDPP’s main productions, but that’s one of the reasons she doesn’t need her name to be in the title. For years she has been explaining that JDPP’s work is a shared experience and that she is just one of numerous contributors to a finished ensemble piece.



After more than 30 years, the Judy Dworin Performance Project has renamed itself and is now known as the Justice Dance Performance Project. JDPP’s incarceration-themed piece “Emergence” (in photo) premiered in the garden of the Harriet Beecher Stowe Center in October 2021. “Emergence” recently debuted a video version and will be performed live again this summer. **JUSTICE DANCE PERFORMANCE PROJECT**

“The work has always been very collaborative, the vision and the design. I’m not coming in and telling them ‘This is what I want you to do.’”

She describes the process of “ColorFields,” a piece created to complement an exhibition of Helen Frankenthaler paintings at the New Britain Museum of American Art. Due to the resurgence of COVID in the fall, “the dancers were creating solos on their own and bringing them to us,” Dworin says. “There’s both a loneliness in that and some freedom. They adapted to it really beautifully.”

The word “dance” is as notable a choice as “justice” in the new title. While JDPP has never pretended not to be a dance-based troupe, it has always preferred more expansive terms like “movement theater” or “performance” to reflect that the company’s shows can incorporate narrative text, historical research, stand-alone poems or songs and more.

On practical terms, “I thought it would be nice to keep the acronym of JDPP,” Dworin says. She had no problem using the “d” word.

“I was born into the arts through dance. Even when our pieces include spoken word, visual designs or other things, their importance always comes through movement. Modern dancers throughout time have named companies with their own name. It seemed natural at the time.”

Just as Justice Dance seems natural now.

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Toasted OAT opens in Newington

Eatery offers build-your-own breakfast and lunch takeout

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

The OAT in Toasted OAT Café stands for Old Albany Turnpike, which today is known as Route 44 in Canton.

That is where Toasted OAT has been since 2018. The men behind Toasted OAT have opened a location on Main Street in Newington.

The name and menu remain the same, but Newington’s Toasted OAT will permanently be takeout only. The Toasted OAT in Canton is a sit-down breakfast and lunch spot that has temporarily become takeout until the pandemic eases.

But customers can get the same breakfast sandwiches, scrambles, salads and bowl meals. Tater tots are featured in many offerings.

The bowls’ base is tater tots or sweet potato tater tots. Salads have tater tots on them instead of croutons. Breakfast sandwiches are made with Portuguese muffins, bigger and softer than English muffins.

Diners also can indulge in the restaurant’s specialty, the “Build Your Own Breakfast,” in a sandwich, bowl or scramble. Customers can go as wild as they want with their creations. They choose their type of bread, type of meat — and double or triple meat if they want — a variety of cheese (or double cheese), a sauce



Toasted OAT Café in Newington specializes in “make your own” sandwiches, salads and bowls, where customers choose their ingredients. **COURTESY TOASTED OAT**

or dressing and veggies, with an up-charge for more veggies. Build-your-own breakfasts run between \$5.50 and \$10; breakfast specialties are \$9.50 to \$12.

“We have a lot of veggies to choose from,” said Seth Lieberfarb of Avon, who owns Toasted OAT with Lars Rydingsward of West Hartford.

“We have people saying this is such a healthy breakfast, all these veggies, and I say you’re still eating eggs and bacon.”

For \$9, lunch customers can build their own salad or sandwich. Specialty lunch offerings (\$11.50 to \$15) include several salads and sandwiches with names like Bronx Bomber, Canton Cuban and Collins Bleu.

The shop also sells kids’ meals, hot drinks and bottled drinks, including CBD-infused Harney & Sons teas. Everything on the kids’ meal menu is \$6.50.

The Newington store, which opened Feb. 22, was a long time

coming.

“We’ve been looking for the perfect spot for a while,” Lieberfarb said. “It was more than just finding the perfect space. We wanted to come to an area where there weren’t many breakfast and lunch options. We didn’t want to ... be competing with everyone right away.”

Lieberfarb and Rydingsward hope to open a third location, and perhaps more. They also hope the warm weather allows them to install tables outside the store. Their model will still be takeout only, but customers will have a place nearby to sit.

The store’s logo was designed by local artist Ellis Echevarria. It resembles a road sign — in honor of Route 44 — and has mountains on the top, in honor of Avon Mountain.

Toasted OAT Café, 1100 Main St. in Newington, is open Tuesday to Sunday from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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A flock of young turkeys stand in a barn at the Moline family turkey farm after the Mason, Iowa, farm was restocked on Aug. 10, 2015. Farms that raise turkeys and chickens for meat and eggs are on high alert, fearing a repeat of a widespread bird flu outbreak in 2015 that killed 50 million birds across 15 states and cost the federal government nearly \$1 billion. **CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/AP**

Connecticut sees 1st bird flu case of year

Associated Press

STORRS — Federal and state agriculture officials said Wednesday a case of avian flu has been found in flock of birds in Connecticut, marking the first occurrence of the disease this year in the state.

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture said it has confirmed the virus in a backyard flock from New London County. It did not say what type of birds were involved, but identified them as “non-poultry.”

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the avian flu also was detected in several American black ducks in New Haven County.

“Wild birds can be infected with HPAI and show no signs of illness,” the USDA says online. “They can carry the disease to new areas when migrating, potentially exposing domestic poultry to the virus.”

“APHIS anticipates additional avian influenza detections will occur in additional states as wild bird surveillance continues into the spring,” the agency reports. “APHIS’ wild bird surveillance program provides an early warning system for the introduction and distribution of avian influenza viruses of concern in the United States, allowing APHIS and the poultry industry to take

timely and rapid action to reduce the risk of spread to our poultry industry and other populations of concern.”

The Connecticut department said that means the birds involved were not used for the production of meat or eggs for consumption, for the production of other commercial products, for restocking supplies of game, or for breeding.

The disease was confirmed in tests conducted at the University of Connecticut Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory.

A noncommercial backyard case also was identified in Iowa on Wednesday. Similar cases have been found in backyard flocks in recent days in Michigan, Maine, New York and Virginia.

Wild birds often spread the virus to domestic poultry.

State agriculture officials said they have quarantined the affected property, and the birds there have been killed to prevent the further spread of the disease. The department also said it has established a 6-mile surveillance zone around the property to monitor other bird flocks in the area.

Officials said the avian influenza does not present an immediate public health concern and no human cases of this particular strain of the virus have been detected in the United States.

Man pleads guilty to child pornography

By Edmund H. Mahony
Hartford Courant

An Avon man pleaded guilty in federal court Tuesday to a charge that he distributed pornographic images of children.

The U.S. Attorney’s office said Michael Ferro, 36, began communicating over an internet platform frequently used by child

pornographers with a person he did not know was an undercover FBI operative posing as someone who was abusing his 12-year-old child.

Prosecutors said Ferro sent the operative an obscene photograph of a child, said he had more photographs, and asked to meet the operative’s child.

Ferro was arrested on Sept. 29,

2021.

Ferro is scheduled to be sentenced on May 24 and faces a mandatory minimum of at least five years in prison, according to federal authorities.

Ferro had been free on bond since his arrest but was taken into custody after pleading guilty to one count of distribution of child pornography.

Judge gives more time for Purdue Pharma settlement talks

By Geoff Mulvihill
and John Seewer
Associated Press

Members of the Sackler family who own OxyContin maker Purdue Pharma will get protection from lawsuits for another three weeks, a judge said Wednesday, buying more time to work out a settlement of thousands of legal claims against the company over the toll of opioids.

The protections had been set to expire Thursday, but U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Robert Drain said in a hearing that they’d remain in place through March 23.

Also Wednesday, the mediator trying to broker a legal settlement between Purdue and a group of attorneys general said in a court filing Wednesday that she would stay on the job, a possible sign that a deal to end the highest-profile litigation in the U.S. over the opioid epidemic is getting closer.

The hearing, conducted by video from Drain’s courtroom in White Plains, New York, was light on details. No one objected to extending the deadline or gave updates on where talks stand. But Drain noted

that when he appointed another federal bankruptcy judge, Shelley Chapman, as mediator on Jan. 3, she was given the power to extend her service unilaterally only for “involvement in any secondary or drafting terms.”

“The mediation appears to me, though I am reading between the lines, to be progressing as Judge Chapman had hoped,” Drain said in the hearing, which lasted eight minutes.

The lawyers in the negotiations are under an order not to talk about it publicly — creating an opaqueness that has frustrated some advocates for victims.

As the maker of the highest-profile prescription opioid, Purdue faced a barrage of thousands of lawsuits from state, local and Native American tribal governments, along with unions, hospitals and others, blaming the company for helping spark an addiction and overdose crisis linked to more than 500,000 deaths in the U.S. over the past two decades. The company filed for bankruptcy in 2019 with the intent of reaching a sweeping settlement.

Most of the parties suing agreed

to a deal last year that would have required members of the Sackler family to contribute \$4.5 billion in cash and charitable assets plus give up ownership of Purdue, which would be converted to a new entity dedicating its profits to fighting the opioid crisis. Under the terms, Sackler family members would be protected from current and future civil suits over opioids. Most of the money would be restricted to uses to combat the crisis.

The attorneys general for California, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont and Washington state held out, arguing that the deal didn’t do enough to hold Sackler family members accountable.

On an appeal, a U.S. District Court judge ruled in December that bankruptcy courts don’t have the authority to accept such deals if not all the parties agreed. Purdue has appealed that ruling but also returned to mediation with the holdout attorneys general.

Last month, Chapman said that a “supermajority” of the nine were on board with a new plan that upped

the Sacklers’ contribution to \$5.5 billion to \$6 billion and gave the holdout states control of some of the additional funds. It appeared that the \$750 million to be awarded to victims of the crisis and their survivors would be unchanged.

Chapman did not specify which attorney general or group of them continued to dissent.

A group of 45 parents whose children died of opioid overdoses wrote a letter last week to the nine attorneys general who were challenging the settlement asking for them to say publicly where they stand on it now. Associated Press obtained a copy of the letter.

The parents, all residents of states where the attorneys general were previously holding out, said that if the deal falls apart, it could mean there are no other funds earmarked for victims of the crisis. Other opioid settlements, the \$26 billion worth of deals finalized last week involving drugmaker Johnson & Johnson and distribution companies AmerisourceBergen, Cardinal Health and McKesson, do not have any provision for payments to victims.

“Please don’t prolong this painful chapter for us and let’s begin the work of compensating the victims and saving lives,” they parents said in the letter.

Suzanne Domagala, of Millville, Delaware, just wants to see the Sacklers pay as much as possible, saying that giving them immunity from further lawsuits seems outrageous.

Her son, Zach, a Marine Corps reservist, became addicted after injuring his shoulder during boot camp. When he died in 2017, she said she didn’t have the money to bury him and it took a few years before she could afford a headstone.

“That’s why when you’re looking at the costs of these things, money is such a trivial thing, but it’s the only way to exact any justice,” she said.

President Joe Biden called on Republicans and Democrats during his State of the Union address Tuesday to work together on ending the epidemic, underscoring how it continues to be a nightmare for so many.

“If you’re suffering from addiction, know you are not alone,” he said.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: The following self-storage Cube contents containing household and other goods will be sold for cash by CubeSmart 201 Lake Ave Bristol CT 06010 to satisfy a lien on March 17th, 2022 at approx. 1:00pm at the following site [www.storage-treasures.com]
Cube #98 Brandon Laplante; Cube #180 Luis Laboy; Cube #290 Jason Boucher; Cube #475; Rita DeJesus; Cube #529 Kenneth Tulloch
3/3, 3/4/2022 7156866

LEGAL NOTICE
OLD SAYBROOK ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Old Saybrook will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, First Floor Conference Room located at 302 Main Street, Old Saybrook and via teleconference

Public Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/96174417686?pwd=Zk1kNmV2VlI3VVV1TUNNEZRSesOQT09>
Meeting ID: 961 7441 7686
Meeting Passcode: 302302
Teleconference DialIn: (929) 436-2866
One Tap Mobile: tel: /9294362866, 96174417686#
to hear the following:

21/22-16 Samuel & Mary Olive Stone seek a variance of Par 10.7.1/10.7.2 (non-conformity enlargement/change); 24.6.2 (building structure coverage/20% allowed/33.1% proposed); Par 25.5.3 (other line setback/15' required/2.9' proposed); and Par 24.5.2 (rear line setback/15' required/3.5' proposed) of the Zoning Regulations to construct a 380 s.f. detached garage at 38 Bellaire Drive, Map 3/Lot 62, Residence A District, Coastal Area Management Zone.

21/22-17C Maryam Elahi seeks a variance of Par 10.7.1/10.7.2 (non-conformity enlargement/change); Par 58.2 & Par 58.6 (Gateway riparian buffer & structure setback/100' required/all activity within 100' proposed) and 68.1.2B9 (tidal wetland setback/50' required/ 2.3' proposed) of the Zoning Regulations to permit the construction of a 160 s.f. sunroom on existing deck and expand the deck by 90 s.f. at 560 Main Street, Map 23/Lot 9-3, Residence A District, Coastal Area Management Zone, CT River Gateway Conservation Zone, VE-15 Flood Zone.

21/22-18 Frank Glowinski seeks a variance of Par 10.7.1/10.7.2 (non-conformity enlargement/change); Par 21.1.5 (street line setback/50' required/28.2' proposed to house and 18.4' proposed to deck/ramp) and Par 21.5.3 (other line setback/20' required/7.4' proposed) of the Zoning Regulations to allow the construction of a 1,418 s.f. addition, a 68 s.f. covered porch/walkway and 214 s.f. deck with ramp at 42 Bokum Road, Map 57/Lot 26, Residence AAA District.

21/22-19C Robert & Virginia Olson seek a variance of Par 58.2 & Par 58.6 (Gateway riparian buffer & structure setback/100' required/53.4' to eave/51.6' to stairs/50.4' to grading(fill) proposed) of the Zoning Regulations to permit the construction of a 6,394 s.f. house at 39 North Cove Road, Map 31/Lot 17, Residence AA-2 District, Coastal Area Management Zone, Gateway Conservation Zone, AE10 Flood Zone.

At this hearing, interested persons may appear or submit written communication in advance.
Plans are available for review in the Land Use Department, 302 Main Street and at oldsaybrookct.gov/zoning-board-appeals
Old Saybrook Zoning Board of Appeals
Charles Gadon, Chairman
2/24 & 3/3/22 7152287

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF Marisol Morales (21-00726)

The Hon. Michael A. Carrier, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Berlin Probate Court, by decree dated January 20, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Susan I. Meagher, Chief Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Cristian Narvaez, 6 Star Place, East Hampton, CT 06424
3/3/22 7160199

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF Jeffrey Kernan Stone, Late of Westbrook (21-0615)

The Hon. Jeannine Lewis, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Saybrook Probate Court, by decree dated February 10, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Jacqueline Craco, Assistant Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Cassandra Rodriguez, 620 Baychester Ave., Apt. 17F, Bronx, NY 10475.
3/3/2022 7161080

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF Doris Frost (22-00167)

The Hon. Michael A. Carrier, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Berlin Probate Court, by decree dated February 24, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Susan I. Meagher, Chief Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Deborah Griswold
c/o ROBERT ANTHONY SCALISE, ERICSON SCALISE & MANGAN, 35 PEARL ST, STE 301, NEW BRITAIN, CT 06051
3/3/22 7161047

Notice is hereby given that Extra Space Storage will sell at public auction, to satisfy the lien of the owner, personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at location indicated:
ExtraSpace Storage, 56 Pameacha Ave, Middletown, Ct 06457 860-575-7610
March 9, 2022 at 11:00 AM

Daniel Nielsen
Unit# 3158
Household, tools

James Leary
Unit# 4080
Household

The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.
3/3/2022 7158026

City of Bristol, CT - Invitation to Bid
Bristol Memorial Boulevard Intradistrict Arts Magnet School – Equipment
State Project Number 017-0084 -RNV

The City of Bristol seeks sealed bids for Equipment for the newly renovated Bristol Memorial Boulevard Intradistrict Arts Magnet School located at 70 Memorial Boulevard in Bristol, CT. The work described herein includes furnishing, installing and configuring all materials and equipment into the project as well as performing or providing all labor, supervision, equipment and services unless otherwise noted within the bid documents.

Sealed Bids for the "Bristol Memorial Boulevard Intradistrict Arts Magnet School – Equipment" will be received at the Office of the City Purchasing Agent, Bristol City Hall, 2nd Floor, 111 North Main Street, Bristol, CT 06010, until 2:00 pm on Friday, March 18, 2022, at which time the Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud.

Bids transmitted by facsimile will not be accepted and all bids must be in a sealed envelope. The envelope containing the bid shall be clearly labeled as "Sealed Bid – Bristol Memorial Boulevard Intradistrict Arts Magnet School – Equipment" and marked with the name of the Bidder on the front of the envelope. Bid forms may be included in one envelope if the related documents are fastened together by Bid Package. Bids received after the designated time for receipt of bids will be returned unopened.

No Bidder may withdraw their bid within 60 days after the actual date of bid opening hereof. Should there be reason why the contract cannot be awarded within the specific period, this time may be extended by mutual agreement between the City and the designated, qualified low Bidder.

KEY DATES:
Thursday March 3, 2022 Project Manual and Plans available electronically
Thursday March 10, 2022 Last Day for Written Questions – 4:00 p.m.
Friday March 18, 2022 Bids Due & Bid Opening – 2:00 pm

To obtain documents: Proposed forms of Contract Documents, including Plans and Specifications dated January 21, 2022, as prepared by QA&M Architecture, may be downloaded by each Bidder from the following link:
<https://www.bristolct.gov/Bids.aspx?BidID=1108>.

Neither the Owner nor the Architect will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bid Documents obtained from any other source.

All questions during bidding period must be sent by email to: QA&M Architecture, acahill@qamarch.com
The email subject line shall read: "Bristol Memorial Boulevard Intradistrict Arts Magnet School – Equipment Bid RFI."
Because of the current COVID-19 crisis, a group walk-through will not be held, but bidders will be able to schedule a site visit. Please email this request to QA&M Architecture as shown above.

Please follow the Standard Instructions to Bidders provided in the Supplementary Instructions, Instructions for Bidders –Equipment, and Supplementary Conditions. Please Note: BIDDER MAY SUBMIT A PRICE FOR ANY ITEM IN THE EQUIPMENT MANUAL.

Other Requirements: This project is subject to State DOL prevailing wages, and other provisions outlined in the bid documents.

Bonds: The successful bidder will be required to furnish and pay for 100% Performance and Labor & Material Payment Bonds. The successful bidder must have the minimum insurance coverage stated within the bid documents under Bonding and Insurance Requirements. The State of Connecticut and the City of Bristol shall be listed as an additional insured on all insurance certificates.
A satisfactory Bid Bond, in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the base bid, shall be submitted with each bid. The Bid Bond shall be made payable to City of Bristol and shall be properly executed by the Bidder and acceptable sureties. All bonds must be from sureties registered in the State of Connecticut. Contractors will also have to submit with the bid proposal all attachments stated within the bid documents under Required Documents – List of Bid Requirements. No bid will be accepted unless accompanied by the required bid bond.

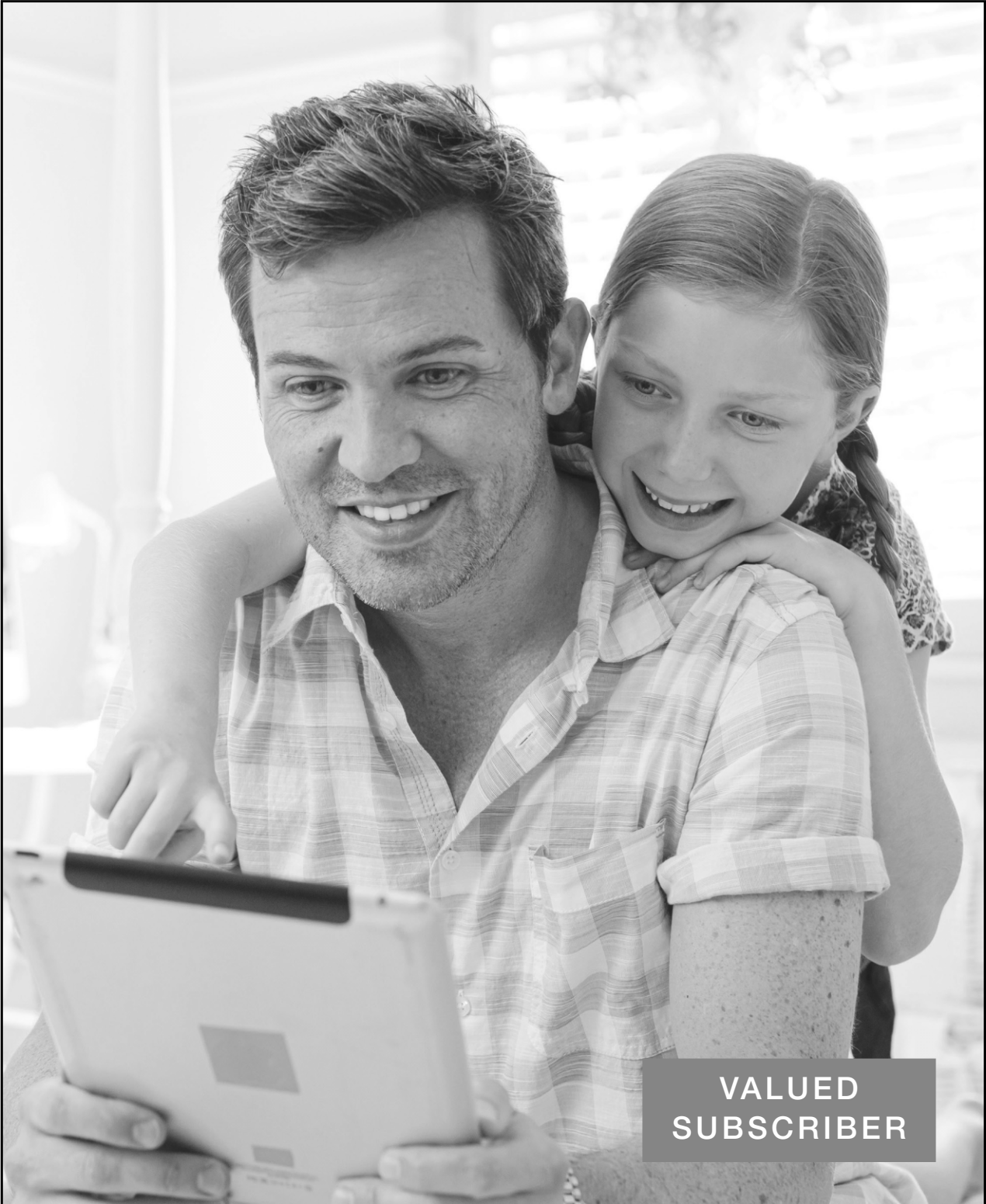
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Dr. Thomas Insel led research for 13 years as the head of the National Institute of Mental Health. He says advances in neuroscience have yet to help patients.
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Mental health failures

‘Nation’s psychiatrist’ takes stock of advances in neuroscience — with frustration

By **Ellen Barry**
The New York Times

A new book by Dr. Thomas Insel, who for 13 years ran the United States’ foremost mental health research institution, begins with a sort of confession.

During his tenure as the “nation’s psychiatrist,” Insel helped allocate \$20 billion in federal funds and sharply shifted the focus of the National Institute of Mental Health away from behavioral research and toward neuroscience and genetics.

“I should have been able to help us bend the curves for death and disability,” Insel writes. “But I didn’t.”

Insel, 70, who left the NIMH in 2015, calls the advances in neuroscience of the past 20 years “spectacular” — but in the very first pages of his new book, he says that, for the most part, they haven’t yet benefited patients.

His book, “Healing: Our Path From Mental Illness to Mental Health,” is not an indictment of the science to which he devoted much of his adult life. Instead, it chronicles failures in virtually every other element of our mental health system, including the ineffective delivery of care, the gutting of community health services and the reliance on the police and jails for crisis services.

It also calls out a paradox: that the United States, a country that leads the world in spending on medical research, also stands out for its dismal outcomes for people with mental illnesses. Indeed, over the past three decades, even as the government invested billions of dollars in better understanding the brain, by some measures, those outcomes have deteriorated.

The country’s long spell without breakthrough treatments can be attributed, in part, to the complexity of the brain.

Insel rose through the ranks at a time of optimism that advances in neurobiology would lead to new treatments, and as director of the NIMH, as he put it, he “bet big on genomics.” But 20 years later, he said the role that genes played in schizophrenia and bipolar disorder had proved to be extraordinarily complex.

“Each of those variants that have been discovered just account for a tiny, tiny amount of risk, so in aggregate, they’re probably significant, but you have to put a hundred of them together,” he said. “So we started doing bigger and bigger studies to find smaller and smaller effects.”

In an interview, he said he didn’t regret making genetic research a priority — “at the time, how could you not?” he said — but he acknowledged that the diminishing returns nagged at him.

In the book, he describes an “epiphany” during his last year at the NIMH, after he had delivered a PowerPoint presentation to a group of advocates, touting researchers’ progress on genetic markers.

A man in a flannel shirt got to his feet and reeled off the story of his 23-year-old son, who has schizophrenia — a cycle of hospitalizations, suicide attempts and homelessness.

“Our house is on fire,” the man said, “and you are talking about the chemistry of the paint. What are you doing to put out this fire?”

“In that moment, I knew he was right,” Insel writes. “Nothing my colleagues and I were doing addressed the ever-increasing urgency or magnitude of the suffering millions of Americans were living through — and dying from.”

‘An exciting intellectual adventure’

If Insel’s statements have attracted attention, it is in large part because they are coming from one of the most influential neuroscientists of our time.

As director of the NIMH, Insel was a champion of basic research, confident that understanding genes and neurobiology would help unlock some of the most complex mental disorders.

He steered the agency’s \$1.3 billion research budget toward the biology of disease. That drew criticism from some in the field, who argued that the funding should be split more evenly between neuroscience and clinical research into treatments, like medication and therapy, that could be used in the near future.

Dr. Allen Frances, a professor emeritus of psychiatry at Duke University School of Medicine, warned in 2014 that the institute was “betting the house on the long shot that neuroscience will come up with answers to help people with serious mental illness.”

In a recent interview, Frances, 79, said his warnings had been borne out.

“The end result of these last 30 years is an exciting intellectual adventure, one of the more fascinating pieces of science in our lifetimes, but it hasn’t helped a single patient,” he said.

Frances added that it was difficult, surveying the homeless camps proliferating in so many American cities, to feel proud of his 55 years of work in the field. People with severe mental illnesses, he said, were “much better off” then than now.

“I have a happy life, and I’m not spending every minute of my life feeling guilty, but if I look back on my career, it’s with regret, not with satisfaction,” he said.

Insel sees it differently. He does not express regret about his work or level any criticism at his successor at

the NIMH, Dr. Joshua A. Gordon, like him an advocate of basic research. If anything, Insel said, the country should “double down on brain research.”

The country’s mental health crisis is “not a research problem, it’s an implementation problem,” he said. Good treatments for serious diseases like schizophrenia and bipolar disorder already exist, he said, and it is not the job of scientists at the NIMH to provide services.

“It has nothing to do with what they do,” he said. “It’s asking for French food from an Italian restaurant.”

Still, his comments have ruffled some feathers at the agency he led.

In an interview, Gordon, the current director of the NIMH, said Insel had failed to acknowledge “some really wonderful things that were done at NIMH” during his tenure or “the tremendous work that we continue to do in research that had short-term impacts on mental health care.”

He offered examples of two new treatments developed on the basis of neurobiological research: ketamine for treatment-resistant depression and brexanolone for postpartum depression.

He said the NIMH had also funded studies that led to treatments being used today, like a large-scale study that established the effectiveness of comprehensive services for people experiencing a first episode of psychosis.

As for the big breakthroughs, he said, they take decades to realize. Gordon was in graduate school when scientists cloned the gene for Huntington’s disease, and only now, three decades later, has that work led to new, effective treatments.

To envisage breakthrough treatments in the short term, he said, was “bravado.”

Allergy season comes amid COVID-19 worries

HealthDay News

Spring allergies are a perennial annoyance, but if you’re focusing on the pandemic, they still could catch you by surprise, an expert says.

“People still have COVID on their minds,” said Dr. Mark Corbett, president of the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology.

“They might not be thinking about spring allergies, so symptoms could sneak up on them,” Corbett said.

“One of the most important tools for battling spring allergies is to get ahead of symptoms,” he advised. “Begin taking your allergy medications two to three weeks before your itching and sneezing normally start to occur. And be aware that, thanks to climate change, symptoms may appear even earlier than normal.”

Both COVID-19 and spring allergies can cause symptoms such as cough, fatigue and headache. But COVID — especially the omicron variant — can cause more nasal congestion,

runny nose, sneezing, postnasal drainage and symptoms of a sinus infection, while allergies rarely cause a fever.

If you think you might have COVID-19, get tested as soon as possible. If it’s not COVID-19 and your symptoms have been dragging on for a while, get tested for seasonal allergies, Corbett advised.

It’s important to know your allergy triggers so you can treat them properly.

You may be tempted to open your windows to bring fresh spring air into

your home or car, but that’s a bad idea if you’re allergic to pollen, Corbett said. Instead, you should use air conditioning in both your home and car to keep pollen out.

See your allergist early in the season. A doctor can offer a number of ways to treat your allergy symptoms. Corbett said one of the best treatments is immunotherapy, which uses injections or pills to target your specific allergy triggers and can greatly reduce the severity of your symptoms.



DREAMSTIME

CELEBRITIES

Theater will be renamed after Jones

From news services

The Shubert Organization's Cort Theatre on Broadway will be renamed after James Earl Jones, fulfilling a promise by the theater giant to honor a Black artist in such a way.

The James Earl Jones Theatre renaming is "in recognition of Mr. Jones' lifetime of immense contributions to Broadway and the entire artistic community," according to a Shubert statement.

The move comes less than a year after a wide Broadway coalition of theater owners, producers, union leaders, creators and casting directors hammered out a series of reforms and commitments for the theater industry to ensure equity, diversity, inclusion and accessibility.

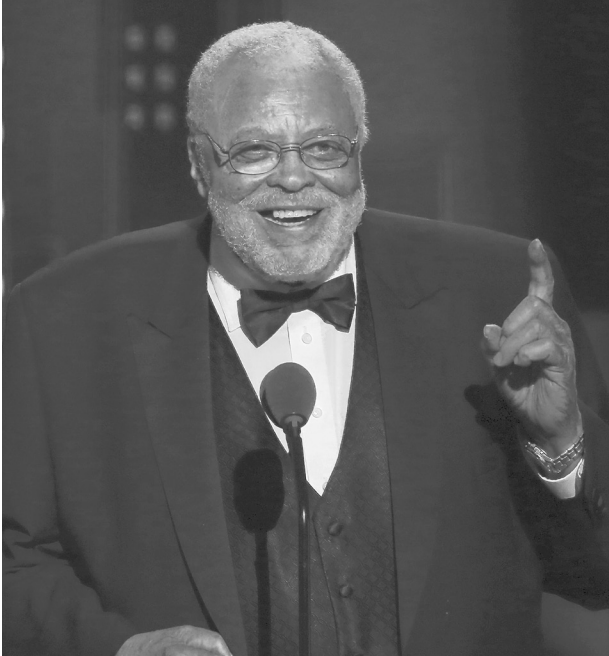
One requirement is that the Shubert, Nederlander and Jujamcyn chains have at least one of their theaters named after a Black artist. (Jujamcyn already has the August Wilson Theatre.)

"For me, standing in this very building 64 years ago at the start of my Broadway career, it would have been inconceivable that my name would be on the building today," Jones, 91, said in a statement. "Let my journey from then to now be an inspiration for all aspiring actors."

The 110-year-old Cort Theatre was built by and named for the late John Cort, general manager of the Northwestern Theatrical Association.

Kardashian declared legally single: Kim Kardashian became a single woman on Wednesday, nearly eight years after her marriage to Ye.

Kardashian appeared via videoconference and was put under oath in a Los Angeles courtroom. Judge Steve Cochran asked her a series of questions, including, "Is it your desire to



The Cort Theatre on Broadway will be renamed after James Earl Jones, above. **MICHAEL ZORN/INVISION 2017**

become a single person?"

Kardashian, 41, answered "yes" to all.

"It is granted," Cochran said.

The judge's move, known as bifurcation, allows a person amid a complicated divorce to become legally single while issues of child custody and property are worked out. The judge also finalized dropping West from Kardashian's name.

Ye, 44, formerly known as Kanye West, did not attend or take part in the hearing remotely. He had objected to the move, but Cochran overruled it.

Co-hosts for John's Oscar party named: "House of Gucci" star Lady Gaga, "Pose" star Billy Porter and "Will & Grace" star Eric McCormack will join Elton John to co-host the superstar's charity Oscar watch party. It is the 30th year the singer has hosted a party to raise money for his Elton John AIDS Foundation. Singer-songwriter Brandi Carlile will perform at this year's event in West Hollywood Park. It marks a return to an in-person

gathering after last year's party was held online due to the pandemic.

The event, which will coincide with the Academy Awards on March 27, has raised more than \$86 million to date, organizers said.

David has HBO pull doc: "Curb Your Enthusiasm" star Larry David asked HBO to pull his two-part documentary a day before it was set to premiere.

"The #LarryDavidStory on @HBOMax is being postponed," said a Monday tweet from HBO Documentaries. "Instead, Larry has decided he wants to do it in front of an audience." HBO did not comment beyond the tweet.

March 3 birthdays: Singer Mike Pender is 81. Director George Miller is 77. Actor Hattie Winston is 77. Singer Jennifer Warnes is 75. Actor Tim Kazurinsky is 72. Actor Robert Gossett is 68. Actor Miranda Richardson is 64. Actor Laura Harring is 58. Actor Julie Bowen is 52. Actor Jessica Biel is 40. Singer Camila Cabello is 25.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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Sibling unaware sister called on 'party line'

Dear Amy: My sister, brother and I are all in our early 60s.

My question is about cellphone etiquette.

Today my sister called me from her car (which is the topic of a whole other subject — that is, people who can't be bothered to talk to you from home, but only from their car).

During our phone discussion, I mentioned something extremely personal about myself and was horrified when my sister announced that someone else was in the car with her. She then apologized to that person (not me) for having to hear this!

I had a similar experience when my brother called me, and after a few minutes, his wife chimed in on something we were discussing, which made me realize that we were on speakerphone and our call was not private.

When did a sense of intimacy and privacy in phone calls go out the door?

Are we all to just assume that any cellphone discussion is likely to be on speakerphone in the presence and hearing of others? Amy, can you issue a PSA about this?

— Overheard

Dear Overheard: If you are speaking to a person while they are driving a vehicle, then yes, you should assume that you are on speaker, because that is the safest way to do both at the same time.

However, etiquette — as well as commonsense — would also dictate that the person placing or receiving the call would notify the other party immediately: "Hey, just letting you know

that you're on speaker ..."

Furthermore, unless it is an emergency, a call for directions, or a topic of mutual interest to all parties I think it's rude to place a call when you already have a passenger in the car with whom you could be making conversation.

You were owed an apology after your privacy was violated.

I was recently on an airplane and the minute we landed the woman next to me pulled out her phone, called her sister, and put her on speaker. Everyone around her was forced to hear both sides of the conversation.

Your family members are essentially broadcasters, running their own radio station. You can also think of this as a throwback to "party lines."

Remember those? Yes, consider this my public service announcement.

Dear Amy: I am a middle-aged man with a girlfriend of nine months. She is around my age.

I have been in pretty strict quarantine over the last two-plus years.

My girlfriend showed up at my home yesterday — obviously sick.

The first thing out of her mouth was, "I didn't tell you because I know you would have canceled the date."

She told me she tested herself for COVID-19, and it was negative. She said she just has allergies.

As the day progressed her congestion got worse.

I discussed this with my adult children, and they were furious! I'm starting to think I should've waited

to start dating after the pandemic. Thoughts?

— Healthy and Upset

Dear Upset: I completely agree with you regarding your reaction to this.

One thing I hope we've all learned during the pandemic is that it is rude, as well as selfish, to expose others to your communicable illness.

COVID-19 or not, if someone is sick, they should make every effort not to spread their illness to others.

Your girlfriend admitted to a lie of omission, for extremely selfish reasons. There is a red flag flying over this relationship.

Dear Amy: You recently published yet another letter from someone staying in a marriage "for the kids' sake."

I am a child of divorce, and I'd like to share my perspective: Leave "for the kids' sake!" My mother leaving her husband was the best lesson that I could have gotten as a young person.

I learned that she was worthy of respect, that she would do great on her own if that's what she wants.

I live now as an adult, surrounding myself with honorable people who treat me well. I have great relationships and a successful marriage.

My mother left, for the kids' sake.

— Thanks, Mom!

Dear Thanks: You are living her legacy.

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Adlon finds way to have Imrie in last season of 'Better Things'

By Brooke Lefferts

Associated Press

"Better Things" showrunner Pamela Adlon always has a specific vision and message in her work. So when it came to filming the comedy's fifth season there were certain non-negotiables, and one was that Celia Imrie — who plays Adlon's cheeky mother, Phil — had to be a part of it.

But Imrie was stuck in England and couldn't travel for medical reasons, so Adlon brought the show to her.

"I needed Phil in because it's the final season, and it was a Rubik's Cube of how do I do this?" Adlon said. "Then I thought, OK, I'm just going to write these scenes, and we're always going to be in the dining room at Phil's house."

So in the middle of the pandemic — taking safety precautions — Adlon moved the cast and crew to England and re-created one room of the Los Angeles-based set for several scenes. Imrie says she was "humbled" by the efforts.

"It was overwhelming and quite magical, really," Imrie said. "It was an enormous challenge, a huge amount of work. But I'm so completely overcame with admiration for Pamela, and also joy that she wanted me to be in it and didn't do the end without me, which would have broken my heart."

Adlon acts, co-writes and directs all 10 episodes of the last season, which recently started airing on FX and streaming on Hulu.

"Better Things" is known for finding poignancy in life's mundane moments, and shining a light on minor characters, and its last episodes provide growth and resolution for many. The show offers a menagerie of people in protagonist Sam Fox's world, of



Pamela Adlon, left, and Celia Imrie in "Better Things." The final season of the series is now airing. **SUZANNE TENNER/FX**

varying ages, genders and races.

"Everybody has a story, you know, and that's my favorite thing," Adlon said.

Fox is based on Adlon's life — she's a divorced single mom with a British mother and three precocious daughters — but many characters are atypical of regular comedies.

"The show really gave my kids and their friends a voice we haven't heard," Adlon said.

Actor Olivia Edward, who plays youngest daughter Duke, recently thanked Adlon for how her role evolved over five seasons. "She said, 'Thank you so much for letting me be Duke, letting me tell these stories and not just making me be furniture in the background.' You know, these kids are all people."

A keen observer of people and details, Adlon makes every frame feel purposeful. As a showrunner, she also has purpose, using her power on set and on the page to celebrate and elevate women. Besides the dominantly female cast, she made a point to hire many women on her crew.

"It's just a very safe space, very nurturing. You know, it just feels good for everybody," Adlon said.

Many of the actors say Adlon's authenticity and unpretentious approach to acting inspires them.

"She's the most wonderful actress and the most wonderful director for actors because she absolutely hates people to be acting ... the whole atmosphere on the set is sort of raw and truthful," Imrie said.

"Pamela was always incredible with improv, and ... I'm very grateful that she always encouraged it because some of the best things that happen in scenes, happen in the spur of the moment when you're actually in the energy of it," Edward said.

For those wondering if Sam Fox finds love by the end of the story, Adlon says that was never her goal.

"The revolutionary act is a woman who is on her own and is very good with it," Adlon said. "Sam is a lone wolf and always has been."

When asked how she feels about the end of the show and whether she said everything that needs to be said, Adlon teared up. She has been pleased that the storylines seem to be resonating. "It hit me like, 'Oh my God, they're listening!' It's out there, and it's overwhelming. I feel exhilarated."

HOROSCOPES

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Aries (March 21-April 19): Career matters are front and center for you today, so get ready to make your way up life's great ladder. There really is no mountain too high for you to climb right now. Get clear about what you want! The sweetest rewards can be all yours.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Boundaries could fall away in front of you right now, in a way that's easier than you ever thought possible. Tap into some truly spectacular energy. Look for ways in which you can expand your life, because the universe is asking for you to grow beyond what you have already known and practiced.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): This could be one of the most potent days you've experienced in ages. You would get anyone hot under the collar. Turn the temperature up even more. You could encounter a fantastic opportunity to increase your wealth, so if a potential windfall comes your way, don't question it.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): A particular person could change the course of your life at this time. Existing partnerships — platonic, professional, or otherwise — could go through major transformations, but a new person could also appear on the scene who may play a huge role in your life for years to come.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On March 3, 1931, "The Star-Spangled Banner" became the national anthem of the United States.

In 1943, in London's East End, 173 people died in a

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Your daily routine is going to be anything but average today! Stir things up through your work. Light a fire in your engine. You might want to look for some productive ways to burn off any excess energy you find yourself with — or you could get burned yourself.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Spectacular things are possible right now, as long as you stay open to the possibilities. Your passion and creativity, give you plenty of chances to enjoy life. Don't hide away - the world is turning the spotlight on you, and you could manifest a life-changing idea that may bring you unimaginable fame.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your energy might be off the charts today, and it's probably going to be centered right under your own roof. With your home and family, it's safe to say that anything is possible. Be ready to ease any tension. You could experience a bit of a roller coaster without leaving the house.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): The air around you is electric at the moment, potentially conducting some fascinating news to you throughout the day. It would be rather shocking if today passed by without even a little fanfare about something. You could encounter a life-changing situation or piece of news.

crush of bodies at the Bethnal Green tube station, which was being used as a wartime air raid shelter.

In 1960, Lucille Ball filed for divorce from her husband, Desi Arnaz, a day after they had finished filming the last episode of "The Lucille Ball-Desi Arnaz Show."

In 1974, a Turkish Airlines DC-10 crashed shortly

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): There is money on the table today within your reach. If you've been searching for a new source of revenue, then it could make itself obvious to you — whether that means asking for a raise or seeking out a new position. Do your best to take action so you don't miss out!

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Whatever you want today, you can make it yours, Capricorn. Throughout the day, take advantage of this. Focus on your goals and doing all you can to achieve them. There's a beautiful open road ahead of you, with the finish line just waiting for you to cross it. Tortoise or hare, you can win the race.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your dreams can be larger than life currently, perhaps carrying some very important messages your way. This is a wonderful time to shed your old skin and leave any drama behind! You're also being offered some wonderful opportunities for creativity, so tune in.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Group dynamics are likely shifting around at this time — you might even witness some fireworks. Your communications bring a major spark to how you interact with people, adding a dose of deep energy. This is a good time to meet people who make you feel seen.

after takeoff from Orly Airport in Paris, killing all 346 people on board.

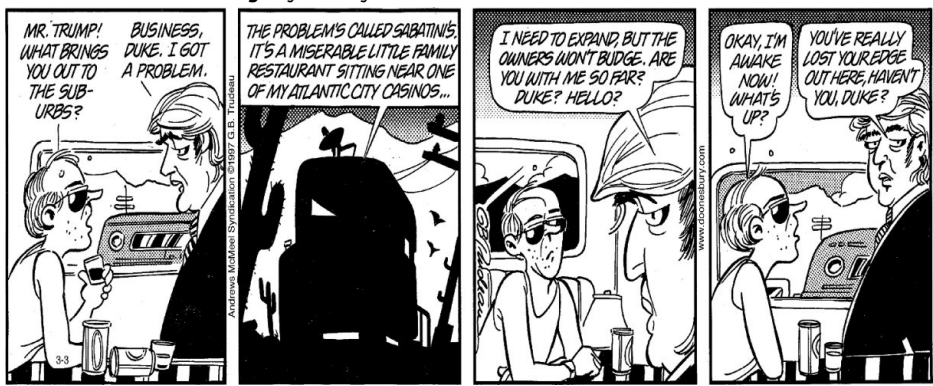
In 1991, motorist Rodney King was severely beaten by Los Angeles police officers in a scene captured on amateur video.

In 2020, in a surprise move, the Federal Reserve cut its benchmark interest rate by a half-point, its largest cut in more than a decade.

Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz



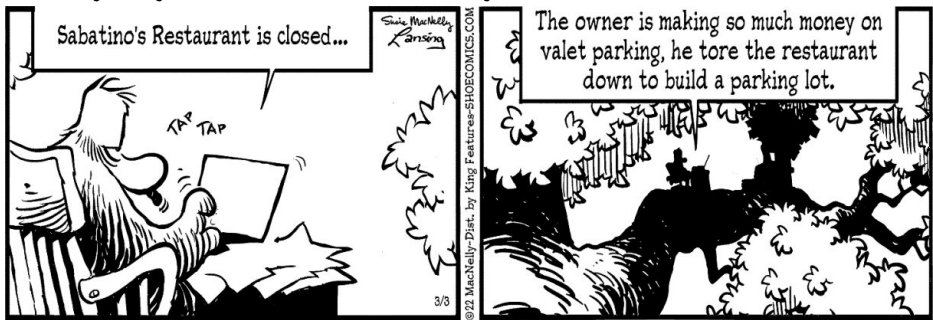
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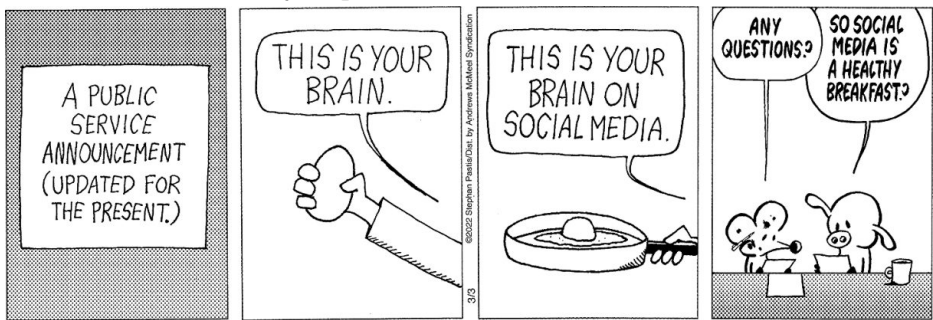
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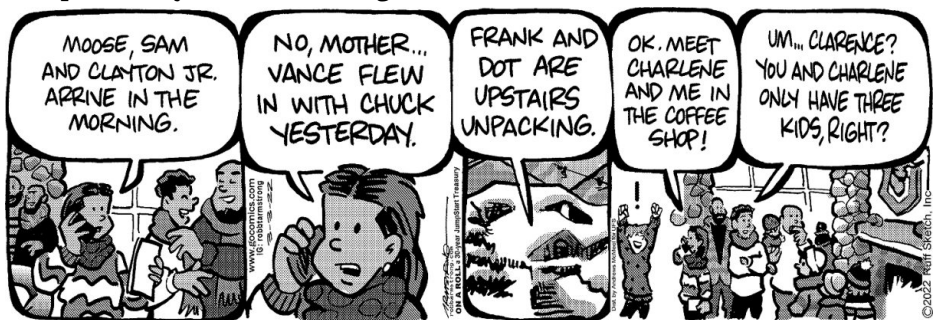
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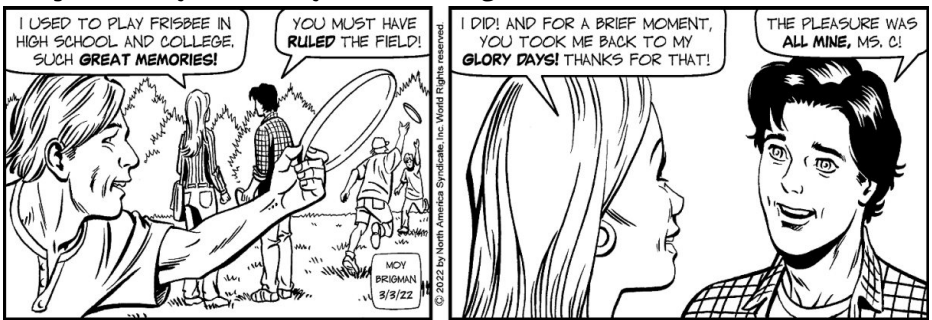
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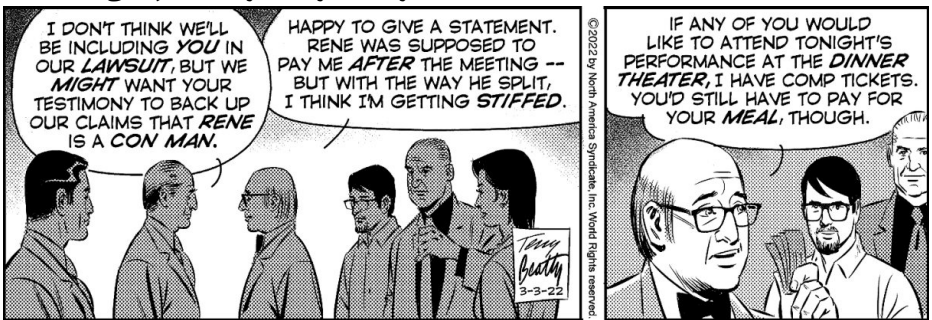
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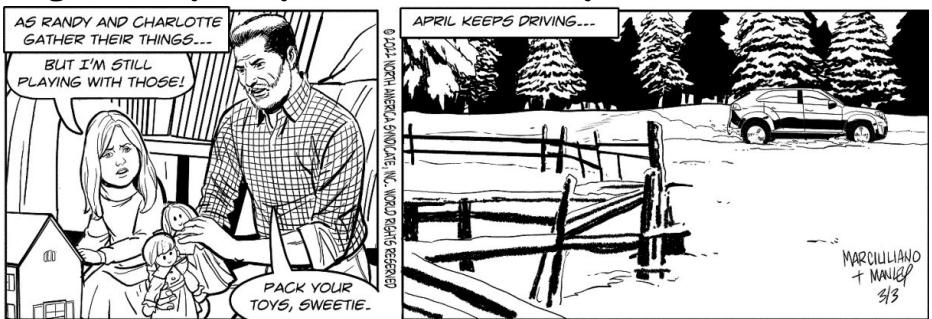
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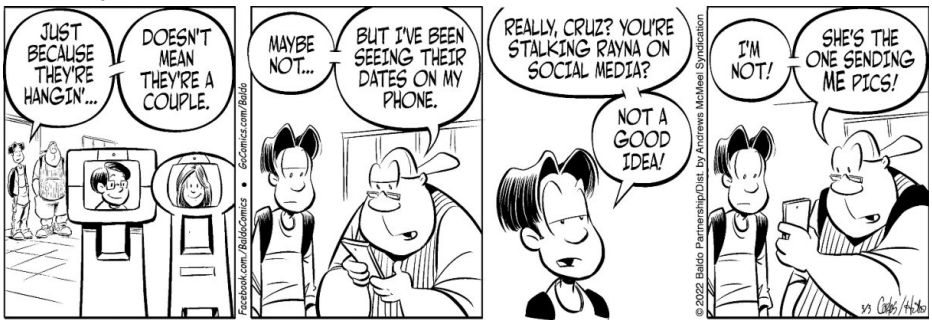
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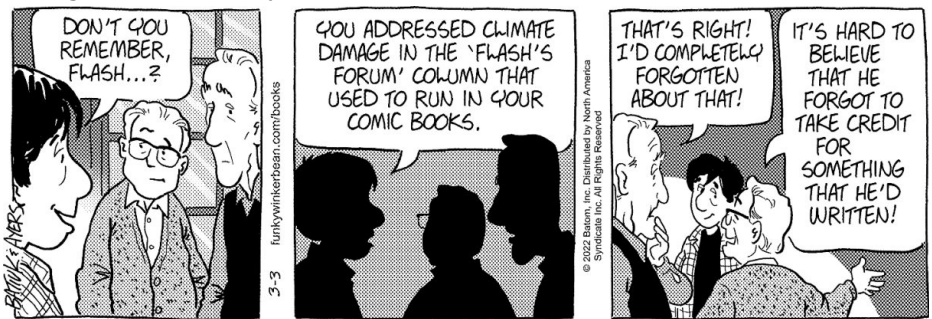
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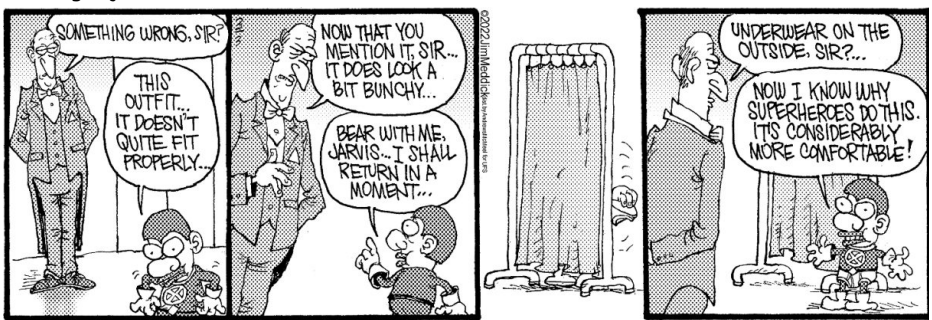
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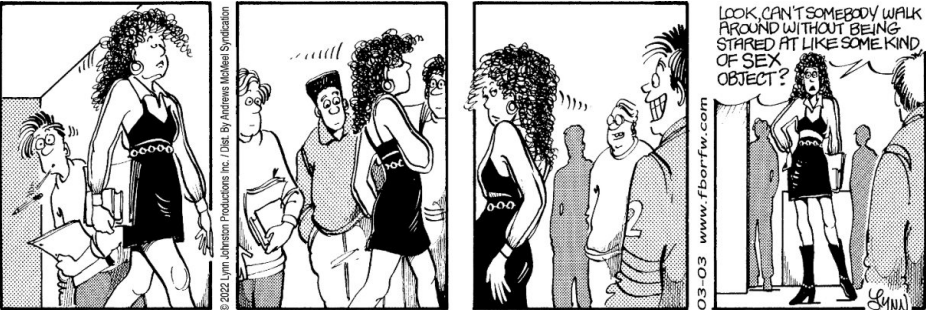
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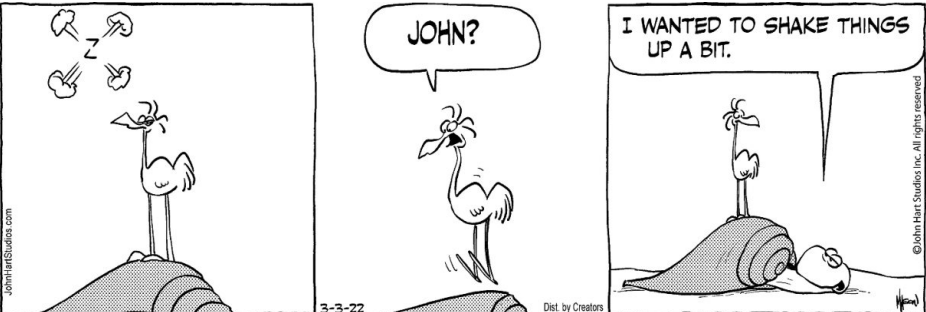
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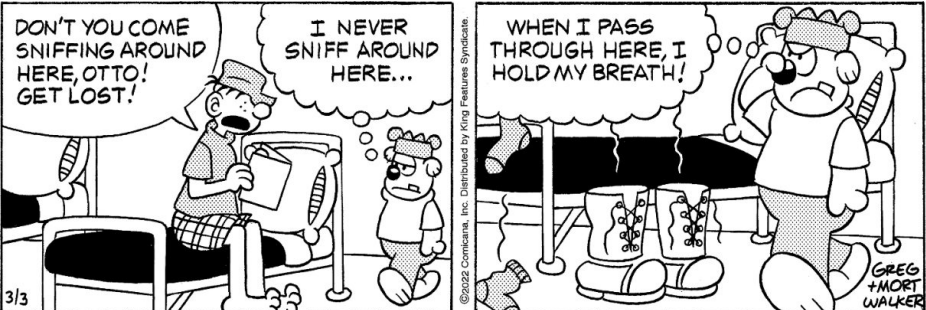
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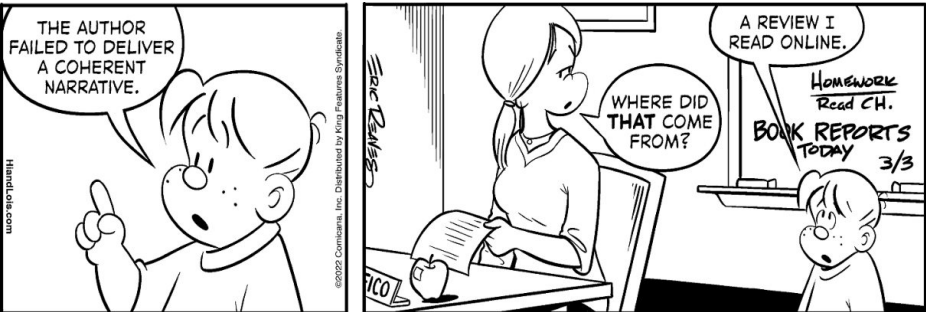
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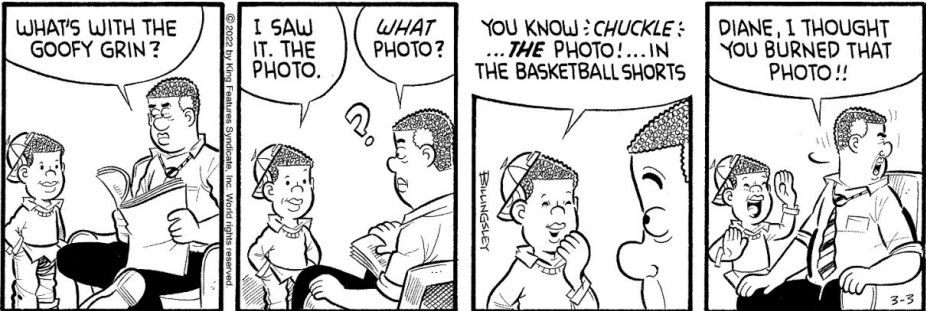
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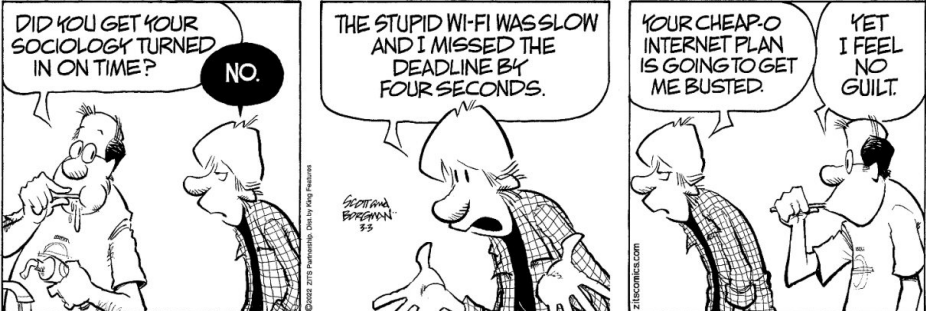
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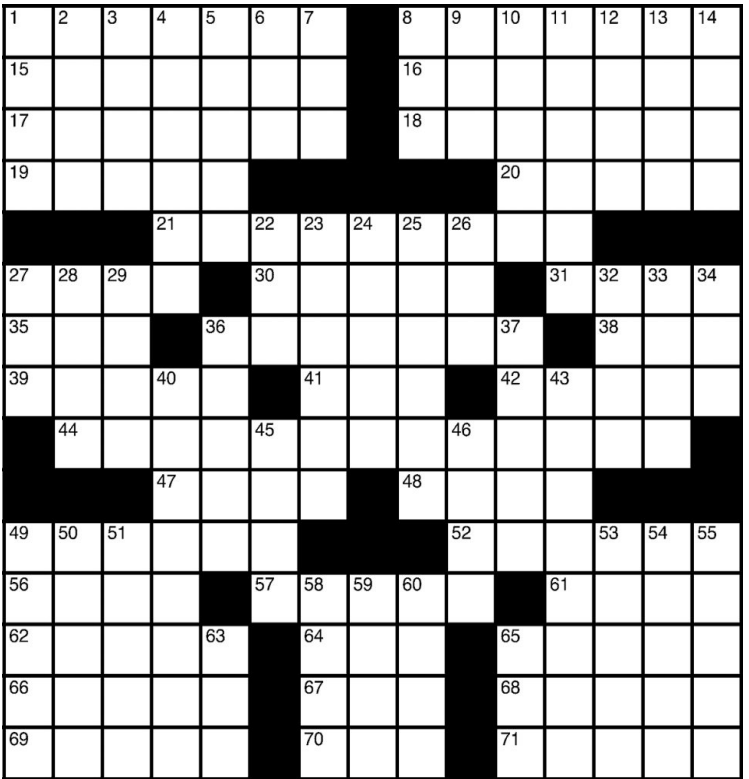
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 - 19 Sight from the Eiffel Tower
 - 20 Like the Tin Man, after meeting Dorothy
 - 21 *Rolled Mexican dish
 - 27 Tuba's flared end
 - 30 Reduced, with "down"
 - 31 To whom the rhinoceros was "prepoceros"
 - 35 Natural resource
 - 36 Made with skill
 - 38 Gp. in a 1955 labor merger
 - 39 "Erin go ___!"
 - 41 Grissom of NASA
 - 42 High landform
 - 44 *Skeet, e.g.
 - 47 Steinbeck's Tom Joad, e.g.
 - 48 Sturdy trees
 - 49 Bring bad news to
 - 52 Jumps back, say
 - 56 Pace
 - 57 *Object
 - 61 Type of drive on the Enterprise
 - 62 Modify, as sails
 - 64 Singer DiFranco
 - 65 Hawaii's Pineapple Island
 - 66 Put up or straight up
 - 67 Org. overseeing broadband
 - 68 Moving
- Down**
- 1 Bench press targets
 - 2 Pine (for)
 - 3 Trendy
 - 4 Bit of succotash
 - 5 Not from around here
 - 6 Viscous stuff
 - 7 MD treating rhinitis
 - 8 RR stop
 - 9 When doubled, a dance
 - 10 King from whom Mary and Joseph fled
 - 11 Contralto Anderson
 - 12 List abbr. used as a substitute
 - 13 Prado contents
 - 14 Clarinet, for one
 - 22 WNBA position
 - 23 Philly's signature sandwich
 - 24 Not at all serious
 - 25 "Don't dawdle, people!"
 - 26 Drink ending
 - 27 Short cut
 - 28 Isn't right
 - 29 Jacob's first wife
 - 32 Band with an electrical symbol in their logo
 - 33 [How unfortunate]
 - 34 Long-handled tool
 - 36 Lose with a triple bogey, maybe
 - 37 Critter on a Ring Dings box
 - 40 "You chose wisely"
 - 43 "No winners, no losers"
 - 45 Bit of color
 - 46 Helgenberger of "CSI"
 - 49 Phillips ___
 - 50 Old Olds
 - 51 More grim
 - 53 "The Divine Comedy" division
 - 54 Follow
 - 55 Cross site, often
 - 58 Axe part
 - 59 Foot part
 - 60 "Well done!"
 - 63 Classic muscle cars
 - 65 "The ___ allows it, and the court awards it": "The Merchant of Venice"



By Jeffrey Wechsler Tribune Content Agency 3/3/22

BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

- ♠ K 9
- ♥ J 10 9
- ♦ K 10 7
- ♣ Q 10 9 5 2

WEST

- ♥ 7 5 4 3
- ♦ A 8 6 2
- ♦ 6 4 3
- ♠ A 8

EAST

- ♥ J 10 6 2
- ♦ Q 7 5 4
- ♦ A 9 5
- ♣ 6 3

SOUTH

- ♠ A Q 8
- ♥ K 3
- ♦ Q J 8 2
- ♣ K J 7 4

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1 NT Pass 3 NT
Opening lead — two of hearts.

Clues and conclusions

A defender should not permit himself to be governed by rigid rules. He should not always return the suit partner led; he should not always play second-hand low or third-hand high; he should not always cover an honor with an honor. Rather, he should be prepared to deal specifically with each brand-new situation as it arises. What it really boils down to is that good defensive play is mostly a matter of plain common sense.

Consider this case where it would be easy to go wrong. West leads a heart, on which dummy plays the nine. If East makes the mistake of playing the queen, South makes two heart tricks instead of one and easily makes three notrump. The defense cannot recover once the queen has been played.

But if East ducks the nine of hearts (at the same time signaling with the seven to show interest in the suit), South must

eventually lose three heart tricks and the two minor-suit aces for down one.

Ducking the nine violates the general rule of third-hand high — but the situation calls for it. East knows from the lead of the deuce that West has precisely four hearts, leaving declarer with two. These can be either A-K, A-x, K-x or x-x.

In the first and third cases, playing the queen costs a trick; in the second case, East's play does not matter because South scores two heart tricks whatever East plays.

The only time the queen play gains is when declarer has x-x, but this possibility is remote, considering that South opened the bidding with one notrump.

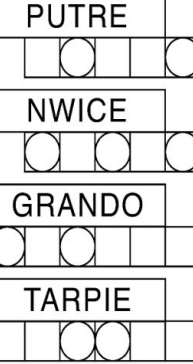
It therefore follows that playing the seven of hearts will, in the long run, prove far more successful than playing the queen.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

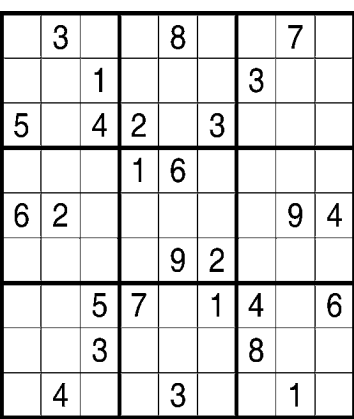


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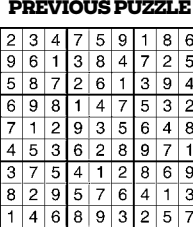
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Yesterday's Jumbles: TWICE ROBIN FUNNEL EMBARK
Answer: When it comes to where and when to create downpours, Mother Nature has — FREE "RAIN"

TODAY'S SUDOKU

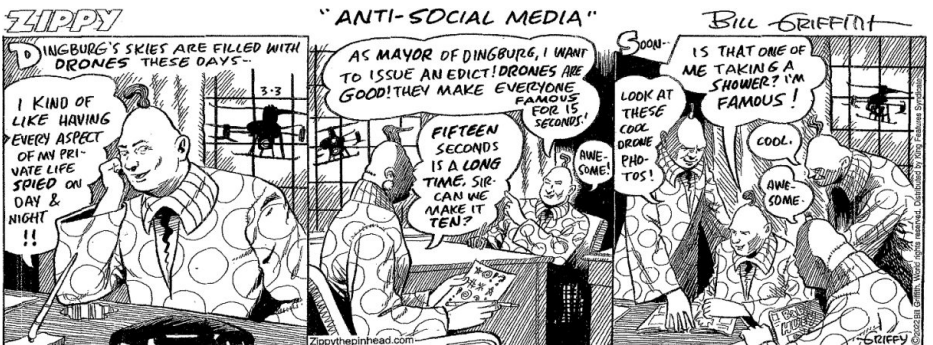



Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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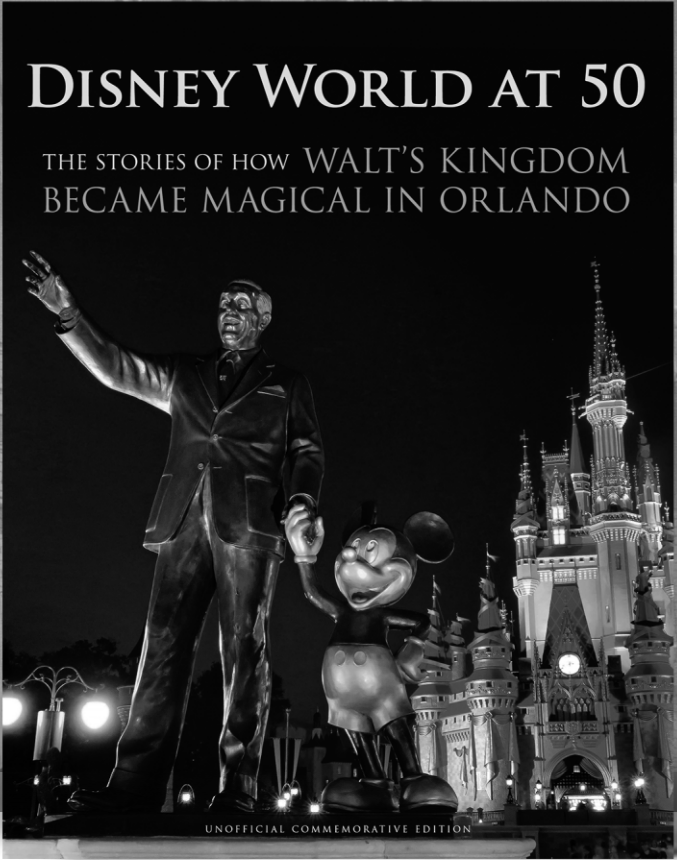
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BATTLE IN OMAHA

Creighton's Ryan Kalkbrenner (11) reaches for a rebound against UConn's Adama Sanogo during the first half of a Big East Conference game on Wednesday night in Omaha, Nebraska. The game was not over in time for this edition. Go to courant.com/sports for the result. **REBECCA S. GRATZ/AP**

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Georgetown AD still supports coach Ewing

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Georgetown men's basketball coach Patrick Ewing received a public show of support from athletic director Lee Reed on Wednesday, hours before the team was going to try to end its school-record 18-game losing streak.

After acknowledging the "disappointment of a difficult season," Reed went on to say in his statement: "In this ever evolving landscape of college athletics we are committed to Coach Ewing, and we are working with him to evaluate every aspect of the men's basketball program and to make

the necessary changes for him to put us back on the path to success for next year."

Ewing is a former Hoyas star center whose first stint as a head coach at any level has included just one NCAA Tournament appearance and a wave of player transfers over five mostly unsuccessful seasons.

Heading into Wednesday night's Big East game at Seton Hall, Georgetown had a 6-22 record, including 0-17 in conference play. There is one more regular-season game after that on the schedule, on Saturday at Xavier.

The school record for most men's basketball losses in a season is 23, set in 1972 — the

season before John Thompson Jr. became the head coach at Georgetown and started a tenure that included the 1984 NCAA championship and two other Final Four appearances with Ewing manning the paint.

Georgetown already has broken the school mark of 15 Big East losses; the worst winless season in conference history was 0-18, done by Miami in 1994 and DePaul in 2009.

Overall, the Hoyas are 68-81 under Ewing, with just one season above .500: They went 19-14 in 2018-19, when they were invited to the NIT and lost their opener to Harvard.

YANKEES

Fans left frustrated as lockout ruins spring training plans

By Kristie Ackert
New York Daily News

TAMPA, Fla. — Back in October, Claudia and Jean-Claude Herman bought the tickets. They'd fly from their home in Iowa to visit his sister in Sarasota. They would enjoy the weather and family, and as a life-long Yankees fan who grew up in Syracuse, Jean-Claude would catch his first spring training game between his beloved Bombers and the Cardinals.

Instead, on Wednesday morning after talks between the owners and players broke down and the commissioner canceled the first week of the regular season, the retired couple walked around the plaza of a locked-up George M. Steinbrenner Field — where the game would have been played.

"This was a big disappointment. It's ridiculous," Jean-Claude said outside the Yankees team store in front of a statue of the former Yankee owner and the field's namesake. "Fighting over money, it's stupid. They got more money than they know what to do with. If fans don't go (to the games) what are you gonna do? This is a kids game played by adults."

Owners voted unanimously to lock the players out after the last collective bargaining agreement expired on Dec. 2. Negotiations were slow until they spent nine straight days across the state in Jupiter trying to hammer out a deal to save the scheduled March 31 Opening Day. Instead, talks soured on Tuesday and the sides parted with the first two weeks of the season canceled and no further negotiations scheduled.

"To me, it's a situation where it's billionaires fighting millionaires and they should somehow come to an agreement and play," said Joel Van Digglen of Chicago, a Cubs fan who was visiting Tampa to see the sights. A casual fan who came to check out the Yankees spring home, Van Digglen, said he

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UConn WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

How did Geno Auriemma flip the switches to guide UConn through one of its most difficult seasons ever?



Geno Auriemma navigated the UConn women's basketball team through an adversity-laden regular season, often questioning himself. It was the most "complicated" of his 37 seasons as coach, he tells the Courant. **JESSICA HILL/AP**

IT'S 'COMPLICATED'



Dom Amore

STORRS — Geno Auriemma sits at the intermission of the 2021-22 UConn women's basketball season, the couple of days between a tumultuous regular season and the postseason that will determine how far the Huskies have come — and gone. At his desk in the Werth Center, he is surrounded by 11 championship trophies, all reminders that for decades he has been the one with the answers, and yet, he has left his office these last three months questioning himself more than ever.

His toughest season? Most

challenging? How about complicated?

"Complicated," he quickly agrees. "That's a good word. Complicated and never more questioning. I used to be pretty good at saying 'this is what we're going to do,' and I knew it would work. I found myself this year, more than any other year, asking will this be what we need? I was going home every day questioning, what am I doing? Am I putting these kids in the best position possible to win games? And I'm helping them navigate all this? And if the person in charge is searching for the right path, how can they know?"

In a one-on-one with the Courant this week, the Hall of Fame coach offered a guided tour of a season like no other for his

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Paige Bueckers was lost for 19 games to a knee injury she suffered with 28 seconds left in a game UConn led by 18. **CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

"I really kicked myself, really beat myself up. I don't want to be stupid like this. If this is really bad, I'm going to feel like I did it. It's my fault."

— Geno Auriemma, on December injury to Paige Bueckers

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UP NEXT

UConn MBB: DePaul (Gampel), Saturday, 5 p.m.; Big East Quarterfinal vs. TBD, March 10, time TBD; Big East Semifinal vs. TBD (if necessary), March 11, 6:30/9 p.m.
UConn WBB: Big East Quarterfinal vs. Providence/Georgetown, Saturday, noon; Big East Semifinal vs. TBD (if necessary), Sunday, 3 p.m.; Big East Final vs. TBD (if necessary), Monday, 8 p.m.
Celtics: Grizzlies, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Nets, Sunday, 1 p.m.; at Hornets, Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Knicks: at Suns, Friday, 10 p.m.; at Clippers, Sunday, 10 p.m.; at Kings, Monday, 10:30 p.m.
Nets: Heat, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; at Celtics, Sunday, 1 p.m.; at Hornets, Tuesday, 7 p.m.
UConn hockey: Vermont, Friday, 7 p.m.; Vermont, Saturday, 3 p.m.; Hockey East Quarterfinal vs. TBD, March 12, time TBA
Bruins: at Knights, Thursday, 9 p.m.; at Blue Jackets, Saturday, 7 p.m.; Kings, Monday, 7 p.m.
Rangers: Devils, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Jets, Sunday, 7 p.m.; at Wild, Tuesday, 8 p.m.
Wolf Pack: Hershey, Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; Bridgeport, Sunday, 3 p.m.; at Lehigh Valley, March 12, 7 p.m.

TV/RADIO
AUTO RACING

4:30 p.m.: NASCAR Camping World Truck Series Victoria's Voice Foundation 200, Qualifying. (Live) FS1
6:30 p.m.: NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series Alcoso Uniforms 300, Qualifying. (Live) FS1
9 p.m.: NASCAR Camping World Truck Series Victoria's Voice Foundation 200. (Live) FS1
BASEBALL
12 p.m.: Shriners Hospital for Children College Classic: Baylor vs UCLA. (Live) MLB
4 p.m.: Shriners Hospital for Children College Classic: LSU vs Oklahoma. (Live) MLB
7 p.m.: California at Florida State. (Live) ACC
8 p.m.: Shriners Hospital for Children College Classic: Tennessee at Texas. (Live) MLB
BASKETBALL
1 p.m.: Women's College: SEC Tournament: TBA vs South Carolina. (Live) SEC
6 p.m.: Buffalo at Kent State. (Live) ESPNU
6:30 p.m.: Bowling Green at Toledo. (Live) CBSSN
7 p.m.: Women's College: SEC Tournament: TBA vs LSU. (Live) SEC
7 p.m.: Richmond at St. Bonaventure. (Live) ESPN2
7:30 p.m.: Grizzlies at Celtics. (Live), NBCSB
7:30 p.m.: Heat at Nets. (Live), YES
7:30 p.m.: Bucks at Bulls. (Live) ESPN
8 p.m.: OVC Tournament: Murray State vs TBA. (Live) ESPNU
9:30 p.m.: Women's College: SEC Tournament: TBA vs Tennessee. (Live) SEC
10:05 p.m.: Knicks at Suns. (Live) ESPN
10:30 p.m.: OVC Tournament: Belmont vs TBA. (Live) ESPNU
11 p.m.: Utah State at San Jose State. (Live) FS1
GOLF
10 a.m.: Puerto Rico Open, Second Round. (Live) GOLF
2 p.m.: Arnold Palmer Invitational, Second Round. (Live) GOLF
6 p.m.: Hoag Classic, First Round. (Live) GOLF
11 p.m.: HSBC Women's World Championship, Third Round. (Live) GOLF
HOCKEY
7 p.m.: Penguins at Hurricanes. (Live) SPRTNET
8:30 p.m.: St. Cloud State at Minnesota-Duluth. (Live) CBSSN
11 p.m.: Vegas Golden Knights at Anaheim Ducks. (Live) SPRTNET
OLYMPICS
6:30 a.m.: 2022 Winter Paralympics Opening Ceremony. (Live) USA
SOCCER
3 p.m.: 2022 CONCACAF Women's U-20 Championship (Live) FSP
6 p.m.: 2022 CONCACAF Women's U-20 Championship (Live) FSP

CELTICS LATE TUESDAY

Tatum scores 33 as Boston pushes past Atlanta

Associated Press

BOSTON — Jayson Tatum had 33 points, eight rebounds and seven assists to help the Boston Celtics rally in the second half and beat the Atlanta Hawks 107-98 on Tuesday night.

Derrick White and Grant Williams each added 18 points off the bench. Marcus Smart finished with 16 points and four assists.

Boston has won 10 of its last 12 and three of four since the All-Star break.

The Celtics played the final three quarters without starter Jaylen Brown, who left the game in the first quarter with a right ankle injury. Being able to recover from Brown's injury taught the team a lot, Smart said.

"It just shows, that if we continue to come out like this, this is the team that we are. This is the identity that we have. It's going to be hard for teams," he said.

Trae Young had 31 points. Bogdan Bogdanovic added 25 for the Hawks, who have lost two of three.

"They came out aggressive, ready to attack and I thought we got back on our heels," Hawks coach Nate McMillan said. "We just settled for the long ball. We didn't attack."

Atlanta led by as many as 17 points in the first half before that cushion evaporated in a 14-0 run by Boston to open the third quarter.

The Hawks shot selection didn't help, going 7 of 31 from 3-point range in the game.

"I think we kind of bailed them out and let them off the hook taking some shots and obviously not attacking like we did in the first half," Young said.

The Celtics seized on it and kept their momentum going, outscoring the Hawks 31-13 in the period to take a 82-78 edge in the fourth.

The surge was keyed by Boston's defense, which held Young to just nine points after halftime. The increased intensity was a response to a plea by coach Ime Udoka at half-time for his team to be more physical.

"It's part of us. It's part of me. It's something that when we're being physical, it helps us on the defensive end. But also on the offensive end," Smart said.

Boston's lead grew to 102-88 with 3:11 left in the game following back-to-back 3-pointers by Williams. Both baskets were set up by defensive plays by Smart. First, he chased down De'Andre Hunter on a fast break and came up with a block from



Celtics forward Jayson Tatum drives during Wednesday's game against the Hawks in Boston. CHARLES KRUPA/AP

behind. Then, he stepped in front of an errant pass by Bogdanovic to start another Celtics' sprint out.

The plays were examples of how they want to play, Smart said.

The Celtics entered the game at full strength for the first time in weeks, but that changed in the first quarter when Brown left with

a right ankle sprain after taking an awkward fall during a drive into the lane.

He grabbed at his right leg as he toppled to the ground, but was able to walk to the locker room on his own power. Udoka said he was able to move around on the ankle in the locker room, but he is day to day.

Yankees

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didn't come to Florida for spring training, but would have liked to have gone to a game.

Players had been working out in small groups around the area where three big league teams (Yankees, Phillies and Blue Jays) have complexes and many players have been living since early February. Wednesday, after the bitter end to negotiations, that was noticeably different. Just one small group, including Yankee infielder Gleyber Torres, was hitting at a local high school.

This wasn't unforeseen, especially after contentious negotiations back in 2020 to restart the season after the coronavirus pandemic shut everything down in March. But the fans, including the Hermans, Stephanie Mayse and Robert Rullan reasonably hoped that the sides could come to an agreement in the next two months and save the season.

Instead of the Yankees facing the Phillies at GMS on Wednesday, it was the Hillsborough Community College team taking on St. Petersburg on the back field and the rest of the complex locked. Except for the team store — which was still selling Gerrit Cole, Aaron Judge, DJ LeMahieu, Gary Sanchez and Torres bobbleheads and jerseys.

"It was an early Christmas present for him," Mayse said of the flight down and the plan to see the Yankees face the Phillies. "But it's so nice here. New Jersey is kind of cold right now...so we still came."

Rullan came out of the Yankees team store holding a clear bag with the infamous logo. Inside were Cole and Judge T-shirts. He is frustrated with both the players and owners, but blames the billionaires more than the millionaires in this case.

"I'm mad at the money. That's where the problem is. Everybody wants a piece of the dollar. They just don't know how much of the dollar for each person," Rullan said. "The owners make a lot of money. Players make a lot of money, but I feel the owners make more and they do all these big contracts. And if you're gonna spend all this money on a contract, and then complain about the money afterwards, then that's pretty much your fault because you started this."



Major League Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred practices his golf swing as negotiations continued with the players' association toward a labor deal Tuesday in Jupiter, Florida. LYNNE SLADKY/AP

BASEBALL COMMENTARY

No one cares about owners, players petty beefs anymore

By Dan Shaughnessy
Boston Globe

How could they?

How could baseball owners and baseball players fail to agree on how to split a giant bag of cash at an hour when there is global strife and pandemic fatigue?

How could they be this tone-deaf?

How could they not realize we have no appetite for their petty squabble? How can they not be aware that they are teetering on the brink of irrelevance, offending a dwindling population of older fans while further distancing younger generations who are more than ready to live without big league baseball?

How could they not notice that the NFL just had its best-ever playoffs, and that the NBA has captured America's young sports fans (Ja Morant is at the Garden Thursday night), shoving baseball to the dusty back shelf where once-great boxing and horse racing are hidden?

The cancellation of baseball's opening week got about 10 seconds on Norah O'Donnell's CBS nightly newscast Tuesday. Over on ESPN, baseball's bad news was mentioned only for a moment while hosts talked endlessly about Tom Brady's maybe comeback and the NFL Scouting Combine in Indianapolis. There was no baseball labor story on the Wednesday front pages of the New York Times or USA Today.

This baseball revolution will not be televised. It will not be talked about. Folks won't lose sleep. They will simply move on.

In March 2022, America's message to the owners and players is: Take your ball and go home. Take an entry-level

course in Self-Awareness 101. Take a look in the mirror and realize that you are not "kind of a big deal" anymore.

You have driven your loyalists away with your abysmal pace of play and lack of action (only walks, strikeouts, and homers allowed). And now, for the second time in three years (MLB and the players couldn't come to terms in the first days of the pandemic in the spring of 2020, which resulted in a hideous 60-game season), you have put your pettiness and greed on display when there are so many more critical events unfolding.

The billionaire lords of the sport and the young millionaire ballplayers did not choose the timing of their expired basic agreement. Baseball owners and players could not have predicted that their labor negotiations would coincide with a global plague that has killed millions and changed lives for everyone ... plus a European war that puts images of death, destruction, terror, and uncommon bravery in front of our eyes every hour.

The timing of baseball's labor lock-out could not be worse.

Oblivious to everyone and everything, MLB this week went about its big-money business the way it always does. Baseball players — who believe they are business partners (when they are not) and always think the owners are trying to screw them — turned down an offer that would have increased the minimum big league salary to \$700,000. Owners — who never tell the truth about how much money they are making and believe the players should be grateful instead of angry — were never interested in negotiating anything beyond a lopsided win and erased April games they were always willing to live without.

The players probably are early winners of the PR battle, but it's always a tough sell when you reject a first-year minimum of \$700,000. Also, players do themselves no favors when they do not address pace-of-play issues.

But the young athletes still look good when compared with clueless commissioner Rob Manfred, who is making Bud Selig look like Winston Churchill. With a straight face, Manfred Tuesday said the last five years have been financially tough on owners (every franchise is worth north of a billion). He also was photographed practicing his golf swing during the talks and wrapped up his news conference with awkward laughter.

There is simply no perspective. No embarrassment. No public recognition of how petty and stupid this sounds to the everyday people who have supported this great game for more than a century.

Baseball fans these days are worried about the cost of gasoline, child care, and prescription medicine. They are worried about nuclear war. They're ever-ready to come back to the ballpark and live life the way we lived it before 2020, but now they are bludgeoned in a PR battle over the competitive balance tax and pre-arbitration bonuses.

Think this is going to get better? Think again. Bruce Meyer, lead negotiator for the players union, has already said that players expect full pay and service time for games that are going to be missed.

Good luck with that one. Call us when you've figured it out. We might come back.

Or maybe not.

REGIONAL DIGEST

UConn track coach Roy to retire

After a lengthy career at UConn, cross country and track and field coach Greg Roy has announced he will retire and the end of the 2022 season. "It has been an honor to serve [UConn] for the past 37 years," he said. "To have experienced the university-wide renaissance and be a part of the evolution of all UConn Athletics has been a thrill."

"Greg Roy is one of the most

successful coaches in the history of UConn athletics," director of athletics David Benedict said. "He has served as a tremendous ambassador for the university and has made a positive impact on countless student-athletes and coaches." Roy began his career at UConn in 1985 when he was named the men's cross country coach and an assistant with the track program. He was elevated to coach of the men's track team in 1989 and in 2019 was named director of cross coun-

try and track and field, overseeing the the Huskies' men and women's programs.

Chelsea rallies to advance in FA Cup

Facing a crisis off the field, Chelsea was in a spot of bother on it Wednesday when the team fell behind not just once but twice to a lower-league opponent in the FA Cup. In the end, the most expensive

player of the Roman Abramovich era bailed Chelsea out.

Romelu Lukaku completed the comeback with a 78th-minute winner as the European champions beat second-tier Luton 3-2 away to reach the quarterfinals. Other teams advancing from the fifth round were Liverpool, which beat Norwich 2-1, and Southampton, a 3-1 winner against West Ham, in all-Premier League matchups.

— Staff and wire reports

SCOREBOARD

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EASTERN CONFERENCE									
ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA		
Tampa Bay	52	35	11	6	76	182	146		
Florida	53	35	13	5	75	218	161		
Toronto	53	35	14	4	74	197	152		
Boston	54	32	18	4	68	161	146		
Detroit	54	24	24	6	54	160	194		
Ottawa	52	19	28	5	43	137	166		
Buffalo	54	16	30	8	40	143	195		
Montreal	54	13	34	7	33	127	206		
METRO.	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA		
Carolina	53	37	11	5	79	185	126		
Pittsburgh	55	33	14	8	74	178	148		
N.Y. Rangers	53	33	15	5	71	157	134		
Washington	55	28	18	9	65	176	156		
Columbus	54	28	25	1	57	179	196		
N.Y. Islanders	50	20	22	8	48	128	142		
New Jersey	54	19	29	5	43	167	197		
Philadelphia	53	16	27	10	42	131	184		

WESTERN CONFERENCE									
CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA		
Colorado	54	40	10	4	84	218	153		
St. Louis	52	32	14	6	70	188	141		
Minnesota	51	31	17	3	65	191	162		
Nashville	53	30	19	4	64	163	151		
Dallas	52	29	20	3	61	151	151		
Winnipeg	54	24	21	9	57	163	166		
Chicago	54	19	27	8	46	134	185		
Arizona	53	14	35	4	32	122	195		
PACIFIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA		
Calgary	52	32	14	6	70	182	125		
Los Angeles	54	29	18	7	65	159	153		
Vegas	54	30	20	4	64	175	157		
Edmonton	54	30	21	3	63	179	171		
Anaheim	56	26	21	9	61	165	172		
Vancouver	55	26	23	6	58	154	158		
San Jose	54	24	24	6	54	143	168		
Seattle	55	16	34	5	37	140	196		

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Buffalo at Toronto, 7:30p.m.
St. Louis at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30p.m.
Los Angeles at Dallas, 8:30p.m.
Nashville at Seattle, 10p.m.

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Carolina at Washington, 7p.m.
Minnesota at Philadelphia, 7p.m.
Ottawa at Florida, 7p.m.
Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay, 7p.m.
Vancouver at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30p.m.
Edmonton at Chicago, 8:30p.m.
Boston at Vegas, 9p.m.
Colorado at Arizona, 9p.m.
Montreal at Calgary, 9p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Detroit at Tampa Bay, 7p.m.
Los Angeles at Columbus, 7p.m.
Minnesota at Buffalo, 7p.m.
New Jersey at N.Y. Rangers, 7p.m.
Pittsburgh at Carolina, 7p.m.
Dallas at Winnipeg, 8p.m.
Vegas at Anaheim, 10p.m.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Edmonton 3, Philadelphia 0
Columbus 4, New Jersey 3
Tampa Bay 5, Ottawa 2
Detroit 4, Carolina 3, OT
Calgary 5, Minnesota 1
Winnipeg 8, Montreal 4
Colorado 5, N.Y. Islanders 3
Vegas 3, San Jose 1
Anaheim 4, Boston 3

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS		TEAM	G	PTS	G/G
GOALS SCORED					
Leon Draisaitl	EDM	37	76	0.69	
Auston Matthews	TOR	37	68	0.74	
Chris Kreider	NYR	34	48	0.64	
Kyle Connor	WPG	32	61	0.59	
Alex Ovechkin	WSH	32	64	0.60	
Alex DeBrincat	CHI	29	45	0.54	
Gabriel Landeskog	COL	29	55	0.63	
Connor McDavid	EDM	29	77	0.55	
David Pastrnak	BOS	29	54	0.54	
Andrew Mangiapane	CGY	28	38	0.54	
Filip Forsberg	NSH	27	45	0.68	
Dylan Larkin	DET	27	56	0.55	
Troy Terry	ANA	27	46	0.53	
Matthew Tkachuk	CGY	27	61	0.52	
Mikko Rantanen	COL	26	65	0.51	
Steven Stamkos	TBL	26	60	0.51	

ASSISTS	TEAM	GP	A	A/G
Jon. Huberdeau	FLA	53	57	1.08
Connor McDavid	EDM	48	48	0.91
Johnny Gaudreau	CGY	52	47	0.90
Nazem Kadri	COL	51	46	0.90

TENNIS

WTA LYON OPEN
At Palais des Sports Gerland, Lyon, France, hardcourt outdoor
WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16
#2 Sorana Cirstea d. Stefanie Voegele, 6-3, 7-5.
#7Alison van Uytvanck d.
Varvara Gracheva, 6-2, 6-4.
Anna Bondar d. Katie Boulter, 6-3, ret.
WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32
#3Viktoria Golubic d. Mai Hontama, 1-6, 6-4, 6-4.
Vitalia Diatchenko d.
Anna-Lena Friedsam, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4.

WTA ABIERTO MONTERREY
At Club Sonoma, Monterrey, Mexico, hardcourt outdoor
WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16
#2Leylah Fernandez vs.
Qinwen Zheng, late
#4Sara Sorribes Tormo vs.
Harmony Tan, late
#5Camila Osorio d.
Marcela Zacarias, 7-6(2), 6-3.
Beatriz Haddad Maia d. Xinyu Wang, 6-2, 6-2.
WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32
Mayar Sherif d. Seone Mendez, 6-1, 6-7(2), 6-4.

ODDS

COLLEGE BASKETBALL	THURSDAY
FAVORITE	LINE
at SMU	7½ Cincinnati
at Illinois	12½ Penn State
at Ohio State	6 Michigan State
Marist	1 at Canisius
at Monmouth	7½ Quinnipiac
Iona	9½ Manhattan
at Niagara	3 Siena
Fla. Atlantic	4½ at Fla. Int'l
at Fairfield	4 Temple
at Sam Hou. St.	6 Tarleton State
North Texas	14 at UTSA
at Arizona State	4 California
at Tulane	1½ UCF
at Kansas	1½ TCU
Ablene Chris.	12 Dixie State
Memphis	12½ at South Florida
at Michigan	1½ Iowa
at Montana	3 No. Colorado
Portland State	1½ at Idaho
at E. Washington	11 No. Arizona
Southern Utah	7½ at Idaho State
at Montana St.	13½ Sacramento St.
at Grand Canyon	6 Utah Valley St.
at UTEP	7½ Rice
at UCSB	7½ Hawaii
at Long Beach St.	6 UC Davis
UC Irvine	10½ at Cal Poly
Oregon	4 at Washington
at CS Fullerton	2½ UC Riverside
at CS Bakersfield	3½ UC San Diego
at San Diego State	8½ Fresno State
at Washington St.	13½ Oregon State

NBA	THURSDAY
FAVORITE	LINE
at Atlanta	off (off) Chicago
at Brooklyn	off (off) Detroit
at Toronto	off (off) Atlanta
at Boston	off (off) Memphis
at San Antonio	7½ (222) Sacramento
at Dallas	off (off) Golden State
at LA Clippers	off (off) LA Lakers

NHL	THURSDAY
FAVORITE	LINE
Minnesota	-195 at Philadelphia +183
Carolina	-125 at Washington +145
at Tampa Bay	-161 Pittsburgh +119
at NY Islanders	-397 Ottawa +301
at Florida	-115 Vancouver +175
Edmonton	-143 at Chicago +131
Colorado	-400 at Arizona +295
at Vegas	-110 Boston +110
at Calgary	-1440 Montreal +300

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EASTERN CONFERENCE									
ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB					
Philadelphia	37	23	.617	—					
Boston	37	27	.578	2					
Toronto	34	27	.557	3 ½					
Brooklyn	32	31	.508	6 ½					
New York	25	36	.410	12 ½					
SOUTHEAST	W	L	PCT	GB					
Miami	41	21	.661	—					
Charlotte	30	33	.476	11 ½					
Atlanta	29	32	.475	11 ½					
Washington	28	33	.459	12 ½					
Orlando	15	47	.242	26					
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB					
Chicago	39	23	.629	—					
Milwaukee	37	25	.597	2					
Cleveland	36	25	.590	2 ½					
Indiana	21	42	.333	18 ½					
Detroit	15	47	.242	24					

WESTERN CONFERENCE									
SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB					
Memphis	43	20	.683	—					
Dallas	37	25	.597	5 ½					
New Orleans	25	36	.410	17					
San Antonio	24	38	.387	18 ½					
Houston	15	46	.246	27					

NORTHWEST									
W	L	PCT	GB						
Utah	38	22	.633	—					
Denver	36	25	.590	2 ½					
Minnesota	34	29	.540	5 ½					
Portland	25	36	.410	13 ½					
Oklahoma City	19	42	.311	19 ½					

PACIFIC	W	L	PCT	GB					
Phoenix	49	12	.803	—					
Golden State	43	19	.694	6 ½					
L.A. Clippers	33	31	.516	17 ½					
L.A. Lakers	27	34	.443	22					
Sacramento	23	40	.365	27					

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Charlotte at Cleveland, late
Indiana at Orlando, late
New York at Philadelphia, late
Miami at Milwaukee, late
Sacramento at New Orleans, late
Utah at Houston, late
Oklahoma City at Denver, late
Portland at Phoenix, late

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Chicago at Atlanta, 7p.m.
Detroit at Toronto, 7:30p.m.
Memphis at Boston, 7:30p.m.
Miami at Brooklyn, 7:30p.m.
Golden State at Dallas, 8:30p.m.
Sacramento at San Antonio, 8:30p.m.
L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers, 10p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Atlanta at Washington, 7p.m.
Cleveland at Philadelphia, 7p.m.
Indiana at Detroit, 7p.m.
Milwaukee at Chicago, 7:30p.m.
Orlando at Toronto, 7:30p.m.
Minnesota at Oklahoma City, 8p.m.
Utah at New Orleans, 8p.m.
Houston at Denver, 9p.m.
New York at Phoenix, 10p.m.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Washington 116, Detroit 113
Toronto 109, Brooklyn 108
Boston 107, Atlanta 98
L.A. Clippers 113, Houston 100
Minnesota 129, Golden State 114
Dallas 109, L.A. Lakers 104

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS				
POINTS IN THE PAINT	TM	GP	PTP	
Ja Morant	MEM	49	16.8	
Giannis Antetokounmpo	MIL	51	15.2	
Nikola Jokic	DEN	55	14.7	
Anthony Davis	LAL	37	14.1	
LeBron James	LAL	44	13.6	
Deandre Ayton	PHX	40	12.8	
Bam Adebayo	MIA	37	12.7	
Domantas Sabonis	SAC	54	12.7	
Jarrett Allen	CLE	53	12.6	
Karl-Anthony Towns	MIN	56	12.1	

TOTAL SECOND CHANCE POINTS				
Jonas Valanciunas	NO	55	216	
Mitchell Robinson	NY	55	214	
Karl-Anthony Towns	MIN	56	211	
Rudy Gobert	UTA	46	205	
Nikola Jokic	DEN	55	204	
Domantas Sabonis	SAC	54	198	
Julius Randle	NYK	59	192	
Jarrett Allen	CLE	53	179	
Steven Adams	MEM	59	178	
Jusuf Nurkic	POR	56	173	
Giannis Antetokounmpo	MIL	51	166	
Bobby Portis	MIL	53	163	
through Tuesday: nba.com				

SOCCER

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER							
EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA	
Columbus	1	0	0	3	4	0	
D.C. United	1	0	0	3	3	0	
Atlanta	1	0	0	3	3	1	
New York	1	0	0	3	3	1	
Orlando City	1	0	0	3	2	0	
New England	0	0	1	1	2	2	
Philadelphia	0	0	1	1	1	1	
Toronto FC	0	0	1	1	1	1	
Chicago	0	0	1	1	0	0	
Inter Miami CF	0	0	1	1	0	0	
New York City FC	0	1	0	0	0	1	
CF Montréal	0	1	0	0	0	2	
Charlotte FC	0	1	0	0	0	3	
Cincinnati	0	1	0	0	0	5	
WESTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA	
Austin FC	1	0	0	3	5	0	
Los Angeles FC	1	0	0	3	3	0	
LA Galaxy	1	0	0	3	1	0	
Nashville	1	0	0	3	1	0	
Portland	0	0	1	1	2	2	
FC Dallas	0	0	1	1	1	1	
Minnesota United	0	0	1	1	1	1	
Houston	0	0	1	1	0	0	
Real Salt Lake	0	0	1	1	0	0	
Seattle	0	1	0	0	0	1	
San Jose	0	1	0	0	1	3	
Sporting KC	0	1	0	0	1	3	
Colorado	0	1	0	0	0	3	
Vancouver	0	1	0	0	0	4	
Three points for win, one point for tie							

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Saturday: Big East
quarterfinals, noon, FS1

MEN'S BASKETBALL
Saturday: vs. DePaul (at
Gampel), 5 p.m., FOX

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The emergence of freshmen Azzi Fudd, left, and Caroline Ducharme helped turn the UConn women's season around. **JESSICA HILL/AP**

Amore

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program: Paige Buckers' injury, his approach to managing a depleted roster, the midseason losses that left him, at one point, wondering if he could fix what was broken.

"Given the magnitude of the injuries, and adding the COVID layer to it, knowing what the COVID experience was like the year before, you're already dealing with a damaged product," Auriemma said. "Kids are coming off a down experience. Now you throw this at them? It was incredibly difficult, incredibly frustrating. I try to put myself in [the players'] shoes and wonder, 'If I'm feeling like this, what are they feeling?'"

'The way the rest of the word lives'

Auriemma identified the low point as Jan. 10. The Huskies, already without Bueckers, Azzi Fudd and Aubrey Griffin, learned before their game at Oregon that Christyn Williams would be out due to COVID-19 protocols. Oregon, meanwhile, was getting its key injured players back. The Ducks won 79-52, the first time in 18 years UConn had lost twice to unranked teams in a season.

"I've never been as low in my career as I was after the Oregon game," Auriemma said. "I couldn't tell you 99 percent of the things that have been said about our team, but I did see one thing after the Oregon game that said, 'UConn routed,' and I thought, 'When was the last time you saw that? UConn routed.' That's when it hit me, like, 'holy crap. This is where we are? This is what they're saying? We got routed? Oh my God.' That's when you think, 'Man, this is the way the rest of the world lives. I can't live like this. This is not who we are. That may have been the start of the turnaround.'"

How did UConn get there? After winning the first three games, UConn ran into top-ranked South Carolina in a No 1-vs.-No. 2 game, the type Auriemma's teams have won more often than not regardless of where they are. Though Bueckers and Fudd were playing, UConn lost 73-57 in the Battle 4 Atlantis tournament in the Bahamas on Nov 22.

"We came back from the Bahamas [and] I had all these questions in my mind," Auriemma said. "Practices the next three days were like they were back in the day, old school kind of practices. Part of me thought, 'We need to be harder. We need to be tougher, mentally and physically. We need to be better than we are.' At the end of those three days, part of me felt, 'I hope you're doing the right thing because this could completely blow up on you.' The coaches were saying we're right there, this the road that's going to get us back. And me, being the softie that I've become, started worrying, 'What if they can't take it? What if we're demanding too much? What if they don't have it in them?'"

Everything ratcheted up. No margin for error, nothing but

perfection tolerated. He found some players approving of the harder practices, and some, by the looks on their faces, suggested the level of intensity was not sustainable.

"We did it to prove a point," Auriemma said. "Is this what we're going to have to do get you to understand what it's going to take?"

'I don't want to be stupid like this'

UConn bounced back with wins over Seton Hall and, on Dec. 5, Notre Dame. But with 38 seconds left and the Huskies leading the Fighting Irish by 18 points, Bueckers, the reigning national player of the year, collapsed without contact on the XL Center floor. The team later found out the sophomore suffered an anterior tibial plateau fracture and lateral meniscus tear that required surgery and and forced to her to miss 19 games. Auriemma was criticized for not taking her out when the game reached garbage time, and he still beats himself up over it.

"My initial reaction when I saw it happened was, 'If this is really bad, I'm going to be really pissed off at myself,'" he said. "I knew eventually I'd be able to look at it rationally and say, 'This didn't happen this game, this injury happened some other time and she didn't let us see it.' At the same time, I'm thinking, the kid never, ever, ever wants to come out, and I gave in to that. Because normally, we got our starters out of there."

"But something about her, she never wants to come out. She loves playing so much that I never even think of taking her out. And then when that happened, I really kicked myself, really beat myself up and said, 'I don't want to be stupid like this. If this is really bad, I'm going to feel like I did it. It's my fault.' Until the doctors told me after the operation [it would be all right], there was a little bit of relief. For some reason, I let my emotions [dictate it]."

UConn lost at unranked Georgia Tech the next game but bounced back with a win over UCLA. By the time No. 6 Louisville came to Mohegan Sun on Dec. 19, freshman Caroline Ducharme was emerging as a force, taking pressure off veteran players like Williams, Olivia Nelson-Ododa and Evina Westbrook, who were struggling with Bueckers out. UConn led much of the game but lost 69-64.

"I always tried to project to our team that the only thing that matters is what we're doing today," Auriemma said. "No one ever makes excuses for us because we never make excuses. No one ever feels sorry for us because we never feel sorry for ourselves. Nobody pities us because we don't pity ourselves. We have to figure out a way to win this Louisville game despite the fact we're missing four guys. We have to figure out a way to win this Georgia Tech game despite the fact we just learned Paige is going to be out two months."

"Why couldn't we win that game? I started to sense that the players were like, 'That's OK,

everything's going to be all right. This is just another step in the process,' and I'm like, 'Bleep that stuff, it's not all right. Since when is it all right for a team to come in here, and we had every chance to win this game, and we let it get away from us and we've done that over and over again?'"

'I didn't get it right until way later in the season'

Juggling his depleted roster in late January, Auriemma put Nika Mühl in the starting lineup and assigned Westbrook to provide spark off the bench. Both players responded. "It took all the air out and now, it seemed like everybody was just playing free and clear," Auriemma said.

Meanwhile Fudd, the heralded freshman, came back from her foot injury and had a breakout game with 25 points against Tennessee on Feb. 6, a signature late-season win. Auriemma had been urging Fudd, a perfectionist, not to overthink and let her natural ability flow.

"Until a freshman really breaks out you're really not sure if they have it in them," Auriemma said. "The way she broke out in the Tennessee game. It was the attacking the basket, the pull-up jumpers, the threes, the way she played defensively, the look of confidence on her face like, 'I'm the best player on the floor.' Before that, Carolina did the exact same thing, and maybe Azzi sees that and says that's the way to go."

Ducharme suffered a late-season head injury and Nelson-Ododa a groin injury. Both missed the game against Villanova on Feb. 9, when the Huskies streak of 169 wins in conference play came to an end with a 72-69 loss. After that, the Huskies won their last seven games by an average margin of 39.2 points to clinch the Big East regular-season title and finish 22-5. Bueckers returned with short stints, 12 and 13 minutes, in the last two games, so UConn is whole again and hardened by their experiences as the Big East Tournament starts for them on Saturday.

Auriemma, who will turn 68 on March 23, is not on a farewell tour. He plans to keep coaching beyond this season. He has talked, maybe more than other years, about not being able to read the modern college player. But in putting the coaching gas pedal to the floor when he did, and lighting up when he did later on, Auriemma once more found the right buttons to push at the right time. Eventually, the answers came.

"With all the uncontrollables, we didn't know which way to go with our team," he said. "Do we go easier? Lighter? Do we try to harden them and make them tougher so they can be resilient? Where are they? How much can they take? I didn't get it right until way later in the season for me, not knowing who's practicing, when we were playing, made me less than the coach that I wanted to be. It wasn't until late in the season that I started to come to grips with this is how it's going to be."

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HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL
CIAC STATE TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS

Bristol Central
looks to pick up its
1st title in 32 years

By Lori Riley
Hartford Courant

The CIAC boys basketball state tournament is back for the first time since 2019 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, with games slated to start Monday with first-round games in Division II and IV and conclude March 19-20 at Mohegan Sun Arena.

Can Bristol Central and UConn men's basketball recruit Donovan Clingan win the school's first title since 1990? How far will the other top CCC teams — Northwest Catholic, Windsor, East Catholic and Conard — go? And can Cromwell win its first title since 2018?

Here is a quick breakdown of the divisions.

Division I

This tells you what you need to know about Division I: Eighth-seeded East Catholic (16-6) and ninth-seeded Farmington, both excellent CCC teams, will play each other on March 10 at East Catholic. In 2019, East Catholic was the Division I state champion, and Farmington won the Division III title. The two teams played each other not long ago with Farmington (15-6) beating East Catholic 85-76 on Feb. 18. East Catholic played a tough schedule. Four of the Eagles' losses were to Windsor in overtime, Northwest Catholic by three points, Mater Dei (California) and Bristol Central. Farmington had to play Northwest Catholic twice (and lost twice).

Windsor, another top team that advanced to the CCC semifinals before losing to Bristol Central, is the sixth seed. The Warriors (18-4) will face the winner of the Manchester vs. Glastonbury game in the second round. If Windsor gets past the second round, the Warriors could face third-seeded Ridgefield, which beat Windsor 65-62 on Jan. 22.

Division II

Can anybody stop top-seeded Bristol Central and Clingan, its 7-foot-2 star? So far, no one has been able to. Windsor, one of the best teams in the state, had two shots at the Rams and came up short both times, including a 57-37 loss in the CCC tournament semifinal on Tuesday in which Clingan had 28 points and 24 rebounds. Bristol Central has won 38 straight games.

Northwest Catholic (22-1) has the next crack at the Rams in the CCC final on Thursday and could get another shot at Bristol Central as the second seed in Division II if the two teams make it to Mohegan Sun for the Division II championship game.

Conard, also representing the

CCC, is the third seed in Division II. Conard (20-3) lost to Northwest Catholic in the CCC semifinals Tuesday, 66-50, and could potentially meet the Lions in a Division II semifinal game. Conard sophomore Riley Fox struggled to find his shooting touch Tuesday against Northwest Catholic but still scored 20 points, and senior teammate Jalen Hamblin had 22 points.

Division III

Daniel Hand, the third seed in Division III, had only three regular-season losses — two to Notre Dame-West Haven (the second seed in Division I) and Wilbur Cross — but the Tigers beat Wilbur Cross 78-50 on Feb. 8, the second time the two SCC teams played. Hand advanced to the SCC semifinal, where it lost to Fairfield Prep (the No. 4 seed in Division I) 58-43 Monday night. Considering the tough schedule the Tigers have played, they should be prepared for the state tournament. They open with the winner of East Lyme and Classical Magnet in a second-round game on March 10.

RHAM, the fifth seed, advanced to the CCC tournament quarterfinal where it fell to Windsor. The Raptors will host the winner of Ledyard and Masuk in the second round on March 10.

Division IV

Cromwell, the top seed, went unbeaten until Morgan knocked off the Panthers, 38-35, on Feb. 18. The Panthers face Morgan again Friday in the finals of the Shoreline Conference tournament before beginning state tournament play on March 9 in the second round against the winner of the Valley Regional-Nonnewaug game. Cromwell won the Division V title in 2018.

Granby, the No. 4 seed, has a senior-laden team — 11 in all. The Bears will play the winner of Cheney Tech-Old Lyme on March 9. Bloomfield is the sixth seed and will host the winner of Bethel-Bulard-Havens in a second-round game on March 9.

Division V

Three Hartford schools — SMSA, Weaver and Capital Prep — are the No. 2, 3 and 6 seeds, respectively, in this division. SMSA was unbeaten until Feb. 1, when the Tigers lost to Canton 46-42. The Tigers beat Granby by a point on Feb. 16 but lost two close games, to Stonington and East Hampton, to end their regular season. Capital Prep beat Weaver twice during the regular season.

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Windsor's Johnny Pierce (00) and Bristol Central's Donovan Clingan (32) reach for a rebound as Windsor's Rashawn Tibby (4) defends during a CCC semifinal game Tuesday in Enfield. **JESSICA HILL/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**



Safety Tip of the Day

Planning to work from a ladder this weekend? The most common safety error is overreaching. This can cause a step ladder to topple or an extension ladder to slide sideways along a surface.

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NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Badgers usher in March Madness

Chucky Hepburn banked in a tiebreaking 3-pointer with 1.5 seconds left to give No. 10 Wisconsin a 70-67 victory over No. 8 Purdue on Tuesday night in Madison that clinched the Badgers a share of the Big Ten regular-season title. After Wisconsin's Brad Davison missed the front end of a one-and-one opportunity, Purdue's Jaden Ivey tied the game by sinking a 3 with 8.9 seconds remaining. The Badgers worked the ball to Hepburn, who calmly fired the winning shot from in front of Wisconsin's bench. Hepburn celebrated by running toward the student section on the opposite end of the floor with his arms outstretched. The freshman point guard finished the night with a career-high 17 points. Picked by the media in the preseason to finish 10th in the Big Ten, Wisconsin (24-5, 15-4) now has at least a share of its 20th regular-season conference title. A victory Sunday at home against Nebraska would give the Badgers their first outright Big Ten title since 2015, when they went on to reach the NCAA Tournament championship game. Also Tuesday night, No. 2 Arizona routed No. 16 Southern California 91-71 to clinch the Pac-12 title, and No. 14 Houston beat Cincinnati 71-53 to secure the American Athletic crown.

Woods claims \$8M impact bonus



Tiger Woods still moves the needle in golf even when he barely plays. The PGA Tour informed players on Wednesday that Woods was the winner of the new \$40 million "Player Impact Program" that rewards those who generate the most positive interest in golf measured by five metrics. Woods captivated golf in December when he returned from a shattered right leg in a February car accident to play the PNC Championship with his son, Charlie. They finished second. Woods won the \$8 million PIP prize over Phil Mickelson, who earned \$6 million. He was followed by Rory McIlroy, Jordan Spieth, Bryson DeChambeau and Justin Thomas, who each earned \$3.5 million. The rest of the top 10, who each made \$3 million from the bonus program, were Dustin Johnson, Brooks Koepka, Jon Rahm and Bubba Watson. The metrics used for the PIP are internet searches (Google Search); unique news articles that include the player's name (Meltwater Mentions); TV sponsor exposure (Nielsen ratings); awareness (Q-score) and social media engagement (MVP Index).

Russian owner trying to sell Chelsea

Faced with the threat of financial sanctions targeting Russians, Chelsea owner Roman Abramovich announced Wednesday he's trying to sell the Premier League club that became trophy-winning machine thanks to his lavish investment. The decision by the billionaire oligarch to sell his most high-profile asset is one of the clearest signs yet that Russia's business elite are feeling the repercussions of President Vladimir Putin's decision to invade Ukraine. Owning Chelsea has made Abramovich a household name in Britain and politicians have been demanding that he be included on the list of wealthy and influential Russians hit with British sanctions because of the war. Abramovich has faced calls to condemn Russia's attack on Ukraine, which he so far hasn't done. One potential buyer, Swiss billionaire Hansjorg Wyss, revealed that Abramovich was trying to sell for at least \$2.5 billion. Abramovich said he will not be asking to be repaid \$2 billion in loans he has granted the club during 19 years of injecting cash to elevate the team into one of the most successful clubs in Europe. The set of every major trophy was completed last month when Chelsea won the Club World Cup. The club has won five Premier League titles during Abramovich's tenure. —AP



Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski, who has won the most games in the history of college basketball, will retire at the end of the season. GETTY FILE

BASKETBALL

Legacy that's built to last

Retirement near, but Coach K's influence on game will persist

By Aaron Beard
Associated Press

Mike Krzyzewski's unparalleled coaching career is down to a few basketball games, with no more than a month left before the retiring Duke Hall of Famer walks off the sideline for the last time. His influence on the sport will remain long past that final farewell. The fingerprints of the man known simply as "Coach K" are all over the highest levels of the game as he winds down his nearly five-decade head-coaching career. Nearly two dozen of his former players currently are on NBA rosters. Another dozen or so are coaching or working for NBA teams. There are others who lead their own Division I college programs. And some of the NBA's biggest stars of the last two decades have won Olympic gold medals under his direction. "He's got a small army of people that are working in basketball that believe in his values and things that he felt were important," said Arizona State coach Bobby Hurley, the point guard on Krzyzewski's first two NCAA championship teams in 1991 and 1992. "That's regardless of whether you coached with him or if you were a player, because they'll have such incredible experiences and memories of things that he did that you still use in your own situations. "His legacy is going to continue to grow through others that he's had an impact on in their lives." The 75-year-old Krzyzewski coaches his final home game at Cameron Indoor Stadium on Saturday, fittingly against rival North Carolina. At most, he has 10 games

left in a career that began with five seasons at Army followed by 42 at Duke, assuming the Blue Devils reach both next week's Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament final in New York and the NCAA championship game in New Orleans on April 4. Regardless of when or how the end comes, Krzyzewski's place is unquestioned among the greatest coaches in the history of American sports. He has a 1,196 career victories, more than any coach in men's or women's college history. His five NCAA titles rank second to late UCLA great John Wooden on the men's side, while his resume includes a record-tying 12 Final Fours and a record 127 weeks with teams ranked at No. 1 in The AP poll. "He's the best that's ever done that in the modern basketball world," Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said. "John Wooden won 10 championships, you can never say anything but that. But it's a different world today. There have been a lot of great coaches — there's nobody close to what Mike has done. "He has given everything to the game and helped make the game what it is today without any question." The numbers back up Boeheim's conviction. Krzyzewski had 21 players as of February on NBA rosters — including current or former All-Stars Jayson Tatum, Kyrie Irving, Zion Williamson and Brandon Ingram — and an ACC-record 27 players last season. Go back further, and NBA teams have drafted 68 of Krzyzewski's Blue Devils, with 42 as first-round picks and three — Elton Brand in 1999, Irving in 2011 and Williamson in 2019 — going No. 1 overall. Duke notes that Krzyzewski has coached 113 NBA players between the school and USA Basketball, where Krzyzewski partnered with former managing director Jerry Colangelo to restructure the men's national

team program. The result: three Olympic golds. Some former Krzyzewski players are now in NBA leadership positions, such as Quin Snyder as coach of the Jazz, Brand as the general manager of the 76ers, Trajan Langdon as GM of the Pelicans, and Grant Hill as co-owner of the Hawks. The same is true in college, with Krzyzewski's tree spawning 10 former players or staffers as head coaches — a number that will grow next season when Jon Scheyer moves over one seat on Duke's bench as Krzyzewski's designated successor. For all, Krzyzewski's lessons linger. Longtime Notre Dame coach Mike Brey studied Krzyzewski's competitiveness during eight years as his assistant. "He still wakes up wanting to fight somebody and beat somebody," Brey said. As for Hurley, he has a greater appreciation for Krzyzewski's decade-after-decade run of sustained success after nine seasons as a coach at Buffalo and Arizona State. He recalled a vivid memory: the end of the classic 1992 NCAA regional final against Kentucky, right before Duke won on Hill's fullcourt pass to Christian Laettner for a buzzer-beating turnaround. "I've seen him be so poised at some of the darkest moments where people would lose hope," Hurley said. "Like our Kentucky game and just how he handled that huddle. You just look back now that you're a coach and you say, 'Wow, could I have been that poised? Could I have convinced this group that we were going to win this game?'" It was one of many memorable wins for Krzyzewski, though his impact on the game extends beyond victories.

AP writers John Kekis in Syracuse, New York, and Steve Megargee in Milwaukee contributed.

NFL COMBINE

Deep group of WRs takes center stage

By Michael Marot
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — David Bell and Treyton Burks were the first receivers to speak Wednesday at the NFL's annual scouting combine. Drake London, Jahan Dotson and John Metchie followed them, and by the time Day 2 wrapped up, former college teammates Chris Olave, Garrett Wilson and Jameson Williams also had taken the stage. Each wanted to accentuate why he should be the top pass catcher selected in this year's draft. It's a scene that could be repeated in April when at least a half-dozen receivers are projected to be first-round picks — though the exact order is likely to change. "All of us are pretty versatile in our own ways," London said, summarizing the group. "I can't really say I'm the best because we all have different tools, so I can't really pinpoint that right now." Sorting out the pecking order for one of this year's most talented position groups could prove more challenging than it has previously. The talent pool is just that deep, even none if is a top-10 pick. But unlike years ago when teams needed time to develop polished route runners, today's NFL coaches and the introduction of some recent college football principles have produced a series of immediate impact pros. Bengals receiver Ja'Marr Chase, the league's 2021 offensive rookie of the year, and Vikings receiver Justin Jefferson are recent examples. Many believe it could happen again in 2022. "It's a great wide receiver draft," NFL Network analyst Jeremiah said. "I feel like we could copy and paste the comments on wide receivers and use it for the next 20 years, because the college game is giving us a ton of these guys every year."

All those options are giving coaches, scouts and general managers plenty to contemplate. London, for instance, has the size to win jump balls at 6-foot-5, 210 pounds, as well as a basketball background that helped him refine the art of boxing out defensive backs. Add the nimble moves he picked up from former NFL receiver Keary Colbert while he was at Southern California and it's no wonder London was selected as last year's top Pac-12 offensive player despite missing the final four games with a broken right ankle. Olave and Wilson, teammates at Ohio State, spent last season waging a friendly competition to prove who was better — and who should go higher in the draft. They essentially played to a draw. Williams got an up-close look at the two Buckeyes stars as a teammate in 2019 and 2020. Last year he found a perfect fit at Alabama, where he lined up opposite Metchie, who also had been bidding his time behind future NFL receivers. Together they became the second 1,000-yard receiving tandem in Crimson Tide history before both suffered torn anterior cruciate ligaments — Metchie in December's SEC championship game, Williams in January's national championship game. It's unclear how much the injuries will affect their draft stock. Bell, Burks and Dotson present different packages. At 6-2, 205, the knock on Bell is he doesn't possess breakaway speed. But he's elusive, a good route runner with strong hands and posted impressive stats at Purdue: 232 receptions, 2,046 yards and 21 touchdown catches in 29 career games. Burks has the biggest body at 6-3, 225 and has been a do-it-all kind of player at Arkansas. He's played in the slot, logged 38 career carries, returned punts and kickoffs and still averaged 16.4 yards per catch. Dotson checks in at 5-11, 184 but has electric speed and a knack for making the kind of big plays Penn State fans came to embrace.

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Eintopf, a hearty German stew of braised short ribs, fennel, squash and potatoes. A traditional eintopf may include bratwurst and sauerkraut, but how it is cooked (eintopf translates to “one pot”) is more important than what goes in the pot.

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A short rib stew that *brims with memories*

By Yewande Komolafe
The New York Times

If you need a little extra warmth this winter, let eintopf be your go-to. There are as many versions of eintopf, a hearty German stew, as there are people who love it. A traditional eintopf may include bratwurst and sauerkraut, but how it is cooked (eintopf translates to “one pot”) is more important than what goes in the pot. As long as you have meat and vegetables, you have the basis for eintopf. I first got to know eintopf as a child. My parents moved us back to Lagos after completing graduate school in Berlin, and they shared eintopf with

me and my siblings. They didn’t have a singular approach to it, and I don’t either. It’s a dish I am constantly refining and most likely always will be. That’s because eintopf is as generous as it is brilliant for how well it takes to substitutions. Any root vegetable you have on hand will work, and any combination of two or three works best: Carrots, parsnips, beets, sunchokes and potatoes are just some options. Spicy greens, hearty greens or cabbages are ideal for finishing the stew, adding a bit of crunch. This recipe highlights bone-in short ribs, which, like other tough but flavorful cuts of meat, will need time to break down, but they’ll eventually reach a

point where the bones, juices and fat all make indiscernible contributions to the broth. The coconut milk provides a finish that suits me — an avoider of dairy — but you can add heavy cream or any other ingredient that thickens quickly without watering down the dish. Once it’s out of the oven, you can then separate what you’ll save for the days ahead. To the portions I’ll be serving right away, I add kale, followed by a toss of reserved fennel fronds. At this point, the broth holds a certain brightness, but, if after tasting, a lime wedge or a quick zest of another citrus peel suits you, that would be lovely, too.

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Brussels sprouts add crispy texture

By Carolyn Malcoun
EatingWell

To add a variety of textures to these chicken tacos, poach the chicken to keep it super-tender and moist while broiling the Brussels sprouts for a crisp mix-in. The creamy sauce rounds out the combo.



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Chicken tacos with Brussels sprouts

Makes: 4 servings
Total time: 30 minutes
1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breasts, trimmed
½ cup mayonnaise
1 tablespoon lime juice, plus lime wedges for serving
2 teaspoons chile-lime seasoning, divided
1 pound Brussels sprouts, trimmed and quartered
1 tablespoon canola oil
8 corn tortillas, warmed
½ cup crumbled queso fresco cheese
Fresh cilantro, slivered white onion and sliced avocado for garnish
1. Place chicken in a large saucepan and cover with water by 1 inch. Bring to a simmer over high heat. Reduce heat to maintain a simmer and cook until an instant-read thermometer inserted in the thickest part registers 165 degrees, 12 to 15 minutes.

Transfer to a clean cutting board to rest for 5 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, mix mayonnaise, lime juice and 1 teaspoon chile-lime seasoning in a small bowl. Toss Brussels sprouts with oil in a medium bowl. Spread on a rimmed baking sheet.
3. Position rack in upper third of oven; preheat broiler to high.
4. While the chicken rests, broil the Brussels sprouts until browned and tender, shaking the pan once halfway, 3 to 4 minutes.
5. Shred the chicken and toss with the remaining 1 teaspoon chile-lime seasoning. Serve in tortillas with the Brussels sprouts, sauce and cheese. Top with cilantro, onion and avocado. Serve with lime wedges, if desired.
Recipe nutrition per serving: 535 calories, total fat: 32 g, saturated fat: 7 g, cholesterol: 85 mg, carbohydrates: 32 g, fiber: 7 g, total sugars: 3 g, protein: 32 g, sodium: 772 mg, vitamin A: 929 IU

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New wines from very old Spanish vines

By Eric Asimov
The New York Times

It may seem paradoxical that the new wave of producers who have been energizing the Spanish wine industry over the past 20 years are mostly focused on resources that are very old.

That’s because all over the country — from the Mediterranean coast to the Atlantic, and even to the Canary Islands off the coast of Morocco — Spain possesses a great wealth of ancient vineyards, some well into their second century.

Today these vineyards are cherished by growers and producers with an understanding and appreciation of the importance of heritage and tradition.

The vineyards not only offer important insights into the viticultural thinking of older generations, they permit a continuity of culture, which sometimes evolves in unexpected directions. And, in the opinion of many growers and producers, old vines offer grapes of unsurpassed quality, even if age has diminished their productivity.

The understanding of their importance has been fairly recent and not at all universal. Wine, like architecture, is regularly tugged between preservation and development, tradition and fashion, protecting history and clearing the way for new visions.

We understand that what’s in the glass is never just wine, no matter how delicious it might be. Every good bottle has a story to tell, one that almost always enhances the pleasure in uncorking the wine, pouring it out and drinking it.

For the last month we’ve been examining red wines from three of these newer Spanish producers who’ve been rejuvenating the notion of what Spanish wines are all about.

Their stories are particular to Spain, but similar tales are told all over the wine-producing world, wherever winemaking history stretches back to the 19th century or earlier.

Throughout Europe, in California and Chile, Australia and South Africa, old vineyards have been grubbed up and replaced, either with newer vineyards that were more productive or with grapes deemed more in demand. Sometimes they were simply paved over for housing, office buildings and factories.

It has taken visionary farmers and producers the world over to recognize both the potential of these vineyards to make great wines and the value of their cultural heritage.

Traveling through Spanish wine regions, you can see in places like Manchuela or Sierra de Gredos where merlot vines replaced older vines. But now the situation has been reversed. International grapes go wanting, while producers prospect for older heritage vineyards.

That’s been the case for the producers of the three bottles I suggested for drinking over the last month. They were: Envinate Ycoden-Daute-Isora Benje Tinto 2020, Laura Lorenzo Dattera Viticultores Camino de la Frontera Viño Tinto 2019 and Goyo García Viadero Ribera del Duero Joven de Viñas Viejas 2019.

All three producers embody a similar ethos:

Respect for the land and culture, and a desire to express their characteristics in the wine. They all farm without chemicals or artificial treatments and make wines with minimal manipulation.

Envinate is a group of four friends from different parts of Spain who met in oenology school and who are now making wines from the Canary Islands, Ribeira Sacra and other regions. The Benje Tinto is a sort of introduction to their range, made from old-vine grapes grown at high elevation on Tenerife in the Canaries. The wine is mostly listan prieto, a grape brought to South America by the conquistadors. It’s known

as país in Chile and mission in the United States.

In both Chile and California, the grape has been pulled out, buried in blends or reserved for local consumption. But more recently, producers in both places have been making and selling fascinating wines with the grape.

As many readers noted, the Envinate Benje had a slightly funky aroma, which smelled to me like flowers and red fruits, with a touch of rotten egg. Sometimes, this quality can arise when a wine is made in airtight conditions, but this wine was fermented in concrete and aged in old barrels, both of which permit a small degree of

oxygenation, so that would not have been the cause.

I asked the importer, José Pastor, about this, and he speculated that it might have been a result of the vines growing in volcanic soils with low pH and few nutrients. Regardless, I decanted the wine to give it some air and the funk was soon gone. The wine itself was light-bodied, almost delicate, with a lacy texture and earthy, mineral, floral flavors. It was lovely with pan-roasted steelhead trout.

Laura Lorenzo of Dattera works mostly in Galicia, the northwest corner of Spain, where she has either acquired or rents old heritage vineyards that

are sometimes full of little-known indigenous grapes.

Her wine, Camino de la Frontera Tinto, comes from an ancient vineyard a little south of Galicia, in a nature refuge west of the city of Salamanca near the Portuguese border. It’s made mostly of a grape called Juan García, with other local varieties and tempranillo, and it’s gorgeous — exuberantly perfumed with aromas of dried flowers and red fruits. Like the Envinate, it’s light-bodied but full of energy and life, and absolutely delicious.

By contrast, Goyo García Viadero works in a more established region, Ribera del Duero, and largely with tinto fino, as the well-known tempranillo grape is called in the region.

But unlike many Ribera producers, who work in a modern fashion, García has tried to preserve older ways; he often uses heritage vineyards in which red and white varieties, like tinto fino and albillo, grow side by side. He ferments them together as well.

The Joven de Viñas Viejas — literally, young of old vines — is made strictly of old-vine tinto fino. “Joven” indicates it’s largely unaged — fermented in steel vats and intended for early consumption, as it’s the introductory bottle to his range.

It’s richer and more textured than the other two, as I’d expect from a wine coming from a warmer region, lightly tannic and sumptuous, with intense flavors of dark fruits and flowers. It’s beautiful and versatile, a wine you can drink with a rich fish like steelhead trout or a steak.

As one of the great wine-producing countries of the world, Spain’s reputation would be secure with its history of Rioja and sherry along with more recently emerging wines like Priorat and albariño. But these three fresh and vibrant bottles, and what they represent, offer another important perspective on Spanish wine.



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SERIOUSLY SIMPLE

A pear fruit compote that’s great for breakfast or dessert

By Diane Rossen Worthington
Tribune Content Agency

Some recipes claim to be easy, but require more work than you had intended to do. Here is the ultimate cinchy recipe that will get you through these winter months.

Since this recipe requires only three ingredients and simply baking the fruit mixture, you can whip this up whenever you have the time. You’ll need to peel and core the pears and then cut them into desired pieces. Sometimes I will cut them into spears, and other times I will dice them into little rectangles. I have used Anjou, Bartlett and Comice, but I think I like the way the Bosc pear cooks up best.

What to do with this tasty compote? I’ll start my day with this delectable fruity concoction on top of my oatmeal or vanilla flavored yogurt. It has become a must-have in our household. You can also use it in an endive salad studded with creamy goat cheese crumbles. Or how about as an accompaniment to a cheese and cracker tray? I like to present this compote in a small glass or silver bowl with a small spoon on the tray.

After dinner when you are craving a sweet, try a few scoops of this in the bottom of a dessert bowl, add your favorite yogurt and sprinkle with toasted granola. Or use it as an ice cream topping. As you can see, this has many possibilities in your menu planning.



This recipe requires only three ingredients and simply baking the fruit mixture. DREAMSTIME

Roasted pears with orange compote

Makes: 2 to 3 cups servings

6 to 8 Bosc Pears, peeled, cored, and cut into 2-inch pieces

1 orange, zest and juice

1. Preheat oven to 375 F. Arrange rack in center of oven.

2. In a 9-inch-by-13-inch glass baking dish combine the pears, zest and orange juice.

With a large spoon, mix up the ingredients until the pears are equally coated.

3. Bake for 20 minutes and then mix the fruit around with a spoon so it is evenly cooked. Continue baking, about another 30 minutes or until the pear pieces are softened and they are slightly browned.

4. Remove from oven and transfer to a serving bowl. Serve warm or store in a glass container in the refrigerator.

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New cookbook showcases VERY VERSATILE EGG

By Mark Kennedy
Associated Press

If you're ever at the grocery store and wondering how old the eggs really are in the dairy section, Lisa Steele has a trick. Look for the secret number.

Printed on one end of each carton, you'll find a three-digit number from 001 to 365, which represents the packaging date. The No. 001 refers to Jan. 1, while No. 365 stands for Dec. 31.

"It's very sneaky how they do that because they really don't want you to know how old the eggs are," says Steele from her home in Maine, where she raises over a dozen chickens, 10 ducks and two geese. "I just envision people everywhere in grocery stores now checking out the egg carton code."

From her popular blog Fresh Eggs Daily, Steele dispenses plenty of similar tips on egg handling and chicken raising. So this month, she delivers a natural extension: a cookbook that showcases the adaptable egg, "The Fresh Eggs Daily Cookbook," from Harper Horizon, an imprint of HarperCollins.

"I don't know that there is someone else who raises chickens who has written an egg cookbook," Steele says. "I do have a different perspective and obviously a lot of eggs."

The recipes include dishes ranging from breakfast to dessert, including Sweet Potato Sausage Frittata, Deviled Eggs with Avocado Oil and Sage, Bacon and Beet Hash, Egg Yolk Ravioli and Angel Food Cake — plus a Lime Bourbon Sour to wash them down.

Steele notes that the humble egg is very versatile and an inexpensive way to get protein while cutting down on eating red meat. It's not just for breakfast.

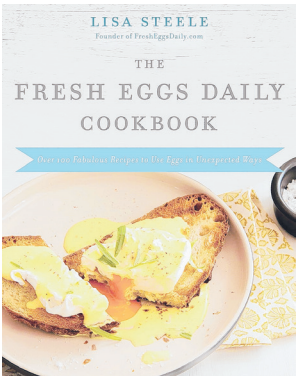
"I think people get into a rut with the scrambled, fried, maybe hard boiled — you forget all the other things that you can do with eggs," she says. "They're almost like two ingredients because a yolk is completely different than the white. You can use them together. You can use them separately."

Some of the more innovative recipes in the book include a Bacon and Egg Pizza with scallions and garlic that you can reheat for breakfast, and an Egg Lemon Soup, which uses chicken stock and rice.

"A fresh egg from a



"As soon as the cake cooled enough to eat, we'd take turns tearing pieces off and shoving the still-warm, light-as-a-feather cake into our mouths," Lisa Steele says of the angel food cake she baked with her mother. **TINA RUPP/HARPER HORIZON**



chicken that has been eating bugs and weeds and things just tastes really good on its own," she says. "But it's also super neutral, so you can pair it with different spices, or different herbs or different cheeses and come up with a completely different meal."

Steele thanks her husband in the acknowledgments for "eating way too many eggs on demand" during testing.

While perfecting her mini souffles, she once made 18 in a day until she was happy with the recipe. "The chickens ate a lot of souffle that day because they got all the disasters,"

she says.

Freshness matters, since egg whites thin out as an egg ages, making poaching and frying harder.

But eggs are also resilient: Refrigerated eggs can remain good to eat with little reduction in nutritional value for three to four months or longer. In addition to the secret number on the carton, there are two other good tests for freshness: If you shake an egg and the insides slosh around, it's old. And a fresh egg will sink to the bottom of a glass of water.

Steele also guides readers through the maze of categories that egg manufacturers use on their cartons, like "cage-free," "pasture-raised," "organic" and "hormone-free." (Ignore "all-natural" as a marketing ploy, while "hormone-free" and "antibiotic-free" are basically meaningless, she says.)

"Honestly, I think everybody should raise their own chickens. But, short of that, finding a farmers' market or a local farm or a

neighbor or someone who raises chickens is your next best bet," she says. If that's not possible, she says, look for "certified humane pasture-raised," which means the chickens have been outdoors every day for hours on grass or other forage with lots of space to move around.

Angel food cake

Angel food cake is the first thing I remember baking with my mom. She showed me how to separate the eggs, then whip the whites and fold in the flour. As long as your bowl and beater are clean, the whites should whip up well. And remember that eggs are easier to separate when cold from the fridge but whip up higher at room temperature. Before you start, grab your eggs from the fridge and separate them, then let the whites sit at room temperature for at least 30 minutes before you start beating them.

Makes: 12 servings
1 ¾ cups sugar, divided
1 cup all-purpose flour
¼ teaspoon kosher salt
12 egg whites, room temperature
1 ¼ teaspoons cream of tartar
1 ½ teaspoons vanilla bean paste
½ teaspoon orange extract

Topping options:
Confectioners' sugar for dusting
Fresh blueberries
Fresh mint

1. Preheat the oven to 325 degrees and place a rack in the bottom third of the oven.

2. In a medium-sized bowl, whisk 1 cup of the sugar with the flour and salt. Use a stand mixer with a whisk attachment to beat the egg whites and cream of tartar on medium speed for 30 to 45 seconds until combined. Add the vanilla bean paste and orange extract. Increase the mixer speed to medium-

high and beat until soft peaks form, about 2 to 3 minutes.

3. Slowly add the remaining ¾ cup of sugar, while the mixer is running, until fully combined and stiff peaks form, about 2 minutes more. Remove the bowl from the mixer and sift in the flour mixture ¼ cup at a time, folding it gently into the batter with a wooden spoon or rubber spatula until it's incorporated and no flour clumps remain.

4. Spoon the batter into an ungreased 10-inch tube pan with a removable bottom, then run a long wooden skewer or knife through the batter to get the bubbles out. Finally, smooth the top with a rubber spatula.

5. Bake until cake is golden brown on top and a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, about 30 to 35 minutes. Invert the pan on a wire rack or glass bottle to cool for at least 1 hour, then run a knife around the outer edge of the pan to release the sides of the cake.

6. Remove the cake and center insert from the pan, then run the knife around the center tube and along the bottom to unmold the cake. Place on a cake plate or stand and dust with confectioners' sugar. Cut the cake into slices with a serrated knife and garnish with fresh blueberries and mint or other preferred toppings. Store tightly wrapped with plastic wrap at room temperature for two to three days.

— *Recipe from "The Fresh Eggs Daily Cookbook" by Lisa Steele*

"It's a little more expensive, but I don't think it's going to break anybody's pocketbook to pay, say, \$4 or \$5 for a dozen eggs instead of \$3 or \$2.50 or

something like that. You're not talking huge dollars here," she says. "There are definitely choices when it comes to eggs, and I think they're important."

Stew

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Eintopf (braised short ribs with fennel, squash and sweet potato)

Total time: 4 hours
Makes: 6 to 8 servings
4 pounds meaty, bone-in short ribs, cut into single-bone portions
Salt
1 tablespoon neutral oil, such as grapeseed, canola or vegetable oil
1 small fennel bulb, trimmed and chopped (about 2 ¼ cups), top with fronds separated from bulb and thinly sliced
6 shallots, peeled and halved lengthwise
6 garlic cloves, smashed and peeled
1 teaspoon fennel seeds, crushed
½ teaspoon ground turmeric
1 (28-ounce) can whole peeled tomatoes
4 cups chicken stock
1 white sweet potato, such as Japanese sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 2-inch pieces, or use an orange sweet potato (2 loose cups)
½ small butternut squash (about 1 pound 3 ounces), seeds removed, peeled and cut into 2-inch pieces
1 (14 ½-ounce) can full-fat coconut milk
1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1 (1-inch) piece fresh ginger, scrubbed and grated
4 cups torn or cut fresh greens, such as kale, mature spinach, mustard greens or dandelion greens
Warm crusty bread, for serving
1. Season the short ribs with a sprinkle of salt on all sides. Heat the oil in a large Dutch oven set over medium-high. Working in batches if necessary, brown the tops and sides of short ribs, about 3 minutes per side. Transfer to a large plate and repeat browning process with the remaining ribs.
2. Heat the oven to 350 degrees. Pour off all

but 2 tablespoons of fat from the pot. Add the chopped fennel bulb (reserve the top and fronds for garnish), shallots and garlic to the pot, season with salt, and toss to coat in the pan drippings. Sauté over medium-high heat, stirring frequently until softened, 3 minutes. Add the fennel seeds and turmeric, and cook until fragrant, 1 minute. Add the tomatoes and break apart the whole pieces with a wooden spoon or other cooking utensil. Cook until the tomato juices are thickened, about 6 minutes. Return the browned short ribs, bone-side up, to the pot along with any drippings from the plate. Pour in the chicken stock and bring up to a simmer. Cover and transfer pot to the oven. Braise until the meat is tender but not falling off the bone, about 2 to 2 ½ hours.
3. Increase the oven temperature to 375 degrees. Transfer cooked short ribs to a plate. Using a colander or sieve set over a bowl, drain out vegetable solids from the pot and discard, reserving the liquid broth. Skim off and discard as much oil as you can from the surface of the liquid using a spoon or a ladle. (You should have about 3 to 4 cups of broth.) Return broth to the pot, add the potato and squash, and pour in the coconut milk. Season to taste with salt and the 1 teaspoon black pepper. Add the ginger and return the short ribs to the pot, nestling the pieces between the vegetables so that the meat is mostly submerged in the liquid. Return the pot to the oven and braise uncovered until the potato and squash are tender, the meat is falling off the bone, and the liquid is slightly reduced, 50 minutes to 1 hour.
4. On the stovetop but off heat, stir in the greens: Heat from the stew should gently wilt the leaves. Top with thinly sliced fennel top and fronds. Serve hot in bowls with warm crusty bread for dipping.



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Loaded up with six different vegetables, this chickpea noodle soup can give your health a boost. GRETCHEN MCKAY/PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE PHOTOS

SUPER BOWLS

3 warming vegetarian soups to keep you healthy through winter

Chicken soup has long been touted as a soothing home remedy for the annoying colds and body-crushing flus of winter.

Filled with nutrients, a steaming bowl helps clear sinus congestion, and some research suggests it might defend against infection.

Chicken soup also makes us feel nostalgic — sipping a cup while curled up on the couch can feel like a big, embracing hug from someone you love, even if the noodle-strewn broth came from a can.

But what if you're thinking about going vegan? Or maybe you're just resolving to eat less meat, opting instead for a diet that incorporates alternate proteins, such as beans paired with a wide variety of vegetables. You're in luck, because soups made from veggies like celery, carrots, leeks, parsnips and/or onions can also make you feel better when you're under the weather.

"There's this aura around chicken soup and its special powers," says Rachel Kurtter, a dietitian and wellness coach for Highmark Health. Yet its restorative properties are not so much about any supposed "magical" powers as simple nourishment.

People tend to lose fluids when they're sick, and soup replenishes those losses, she says. It also does the body good by providing calories, proteins, and vitamins and minerals.

"At the end of the day, (soup) helps you hydrate and replace electrolytes," she says, even if you're only sipping a little at a time.

Antioxidants

Kurtter says no one vegetable rises above all others when making soup. Vegetables in general are naturally low in calories and important sources of essential vitamins and minerals. And many of the most popular ones that go into the soup pot — leafy greens, carrots, potatoes, cabbage and garlic — are also high in antioxidants, substances that may protect your cells against unstable molecules known as free radicals.

They're also loaded with polyphenols, plant-based compounds that help prevent disease and keep you healthy in a different way than vitamins, minerals or other nutrients. Spinach, red and yellow onions, shallots, potatoes, broccoli and carrots, which are all easy to find in winter months, are especially high in them.

"You want to eat a rainbow of colors," Kurtter says, because they all provide different benefits to the body in helping your immune system fight infection.

Carrots, for instance, not only add a touch of sweetness but are also a great source of vitamin A, an anti-inflammatory agent. Kale contains high levels of vitamin C,



This nutritious vegetable soup is packed with kale, fennel and cannellini beans. Parmesan croutons add crunch.

Kale, fennel and white bean soup

If you like greens and beans, you'll love this soup. It's quick to pull together and because of all the leafy greens, it will fill you up with all kinds of nutrients. Don't worry about rinsing the beans, advises Milk Street chef and author Christopher Kimball. The starchy liquid that clings to them lends body to the broth. I used a baguette for the croutons, and curly kale instead of lacinato (Tuscan) kale.

Makes: 4 to 6 servings
8 ounces rustic bread, torn into bite-sized pieces
4 tablespoons olive oil, divided
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 cup finely grated Parmesan cheese, divided
2-inch piece of Parmesan rind, optional
1 medium red or yellow onion

1 medium fennel bulb, trimmed, halved lengthwise, cored and sliced ½ inch across the grain
1 bunch kale, stems removed, chopped and reserved, and leaves roughly chopped
2 tablespoons tomato paste
2 medium garlic cloves, minced
½ cup dry white wine
2 sprigs thyme
½ teaspoon red pepper flakes, or more to taste
15-ounce can cannellini beans, drained but not rinsed

1. Heat oven to 375 degrees with rack in middle position. Distribute bread on rimmed baking sheet. Drizzle with 2 tablespoons olive oil and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Toss, then bake until browned and crisp, about 10 minutes, stirring once halfway through. Remove from oven, sprinkle with about half the Parmesan and toss; set aside.
2. In large pot over medium, heat the remaining 2 tablespoons oil until shimmering. Add onion, fennel,

kale stems and ½ teaspoon salt. Cook, stirring occasionally, until vegetables soften, about 5 minutes. Add tomato paste and garlic. Cook, stirring until paste begins to brown and stick to the bottom of pot, about 1 minute. Add wine, thyme and pepper flakes, then cook, scraping up any browned bits, until liquid has almost evaporated, about 2 minutes.
3. Stir in beans, kale leaves, Parmesan rind (if using), 5 cups water, 1 ½ teaspoons salt and ½ teaspoon black pepper. Bring to a simmer over medium-high, then reduce to medium and cook, uncovered and stirring occasionally, until kale is very tender, 20-25 minutes.
4. Remove and discard thyme and Parmesan rind (if used). Taste and season with salt and pepper. Ladle soup into bowls, top with croutons and the remaining Parmesan. If desired, drizzle a little oil on top.
— *Recipe from "Milk Street Vegetables" by Christopher Kimball*

which is thought to reduce the symptoms of a cold (though not the chances of catching one).

Fresh ginger, meanwhile, is effective against vomiting and nausea, and garlic has antimicrobial, antiviral and antibiotic properties.

To help get you through the rest of winter, we dish up three nutritious and nourishing vegetarian soups that are easy to make with easy-to-find produce and pantry ingredients.

And going forward? Kurtter recommends supporting your immune system all year round — and not just when you're sick — by eating a balanced diet, getting a good night's sleep and managing stress by finding time in each day to unwind, "even if it's just for 5 minutes."

"It will help you be healthy all year," she says.



Boost your immune system this winter with a zesty carrot-ginger soup.

Chickpea noodle soup

This vegetarian take on chicken noodle soup is healthful and hearty. White miso, a fermented paste made from rice, barley and soybeans (and found in the Asian section of some grocery stores), adds a mild umami flavor. If you can't find it, substitute a splash or two of soy sauce. The parsley relish adds a spicy finish.

For the soup:
Extra-virgin olive oil
3 sprigs thyme (or ½ teaspoon herbes de Provence)
1 yellow onion, sliced thinly
1 leek, sliced thinly and rinsed of dirt
4 garlic cloves, minced
Kosher salt
1 cup white wine
2 tablespoons white miso (or liquid aminos)
2 carrots, peeled (or scrubbed) and diced
2 medium parsnips, peeled and diced (or swap in sweet potato)
1 medium rutabaga, peeled and diced (or swap in turnips)
1 small celeriac head, peeled and diced (or 3 stalks celery, sliced thinly)
2 cups (or one 16-ounce can) cooked chickpeas
4 ounces pappardelle or fettuccini

For the parsley relish:
1 ½ teaspoons red pepper flakes
Zest and juice from 1 lemon
10 sprigs parsley, roughly chopped

1. In a soup pot, heat a glug of olive oil over medium heat. Add the thyme (or herbes de Provence) and briefly fry, 10-15 seconds.

2. Add onion, leek and garlic, plus a big pinch of salt, and reduce heat to medium-low. Sweat the mixture until soft, about 7 minutes. Add white wine and reduce by half.

3. Dissolve miso into 8 cups of water. If it doesn't blend completely, don't worry, it will as the soup simmers — this just helps it along.

4. Add root vegetables, chickpeas and miso water. Bring to a boil, reduce to a simmer and cook until all vegetables are tender, about 20 minutes.

5. Meanwhile, in a small frying pan, lightly toast red pepper flakes over medium-high heat until fragrant, about 30 seconds.

6. In a separate bowl, combine ½ cup of olive oil, lemon zest, lemon juice, parsley and a pinch of salt. Add warm red pepper to the mixture.

7. When the vegetables are tender, taste and adjust salt as desired. Add the pasta and simmer until tender, 6-8 minutes.

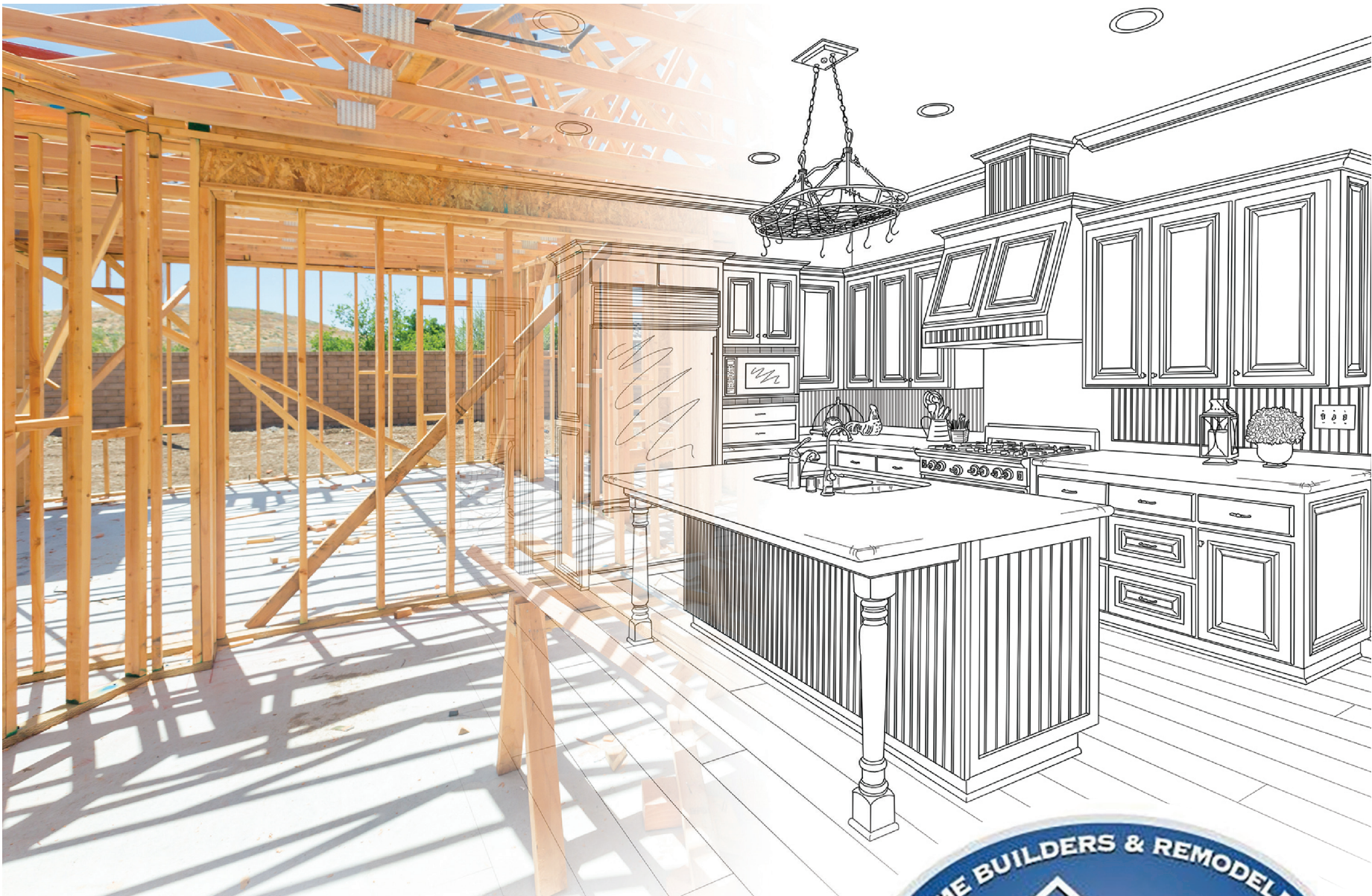
8. Divide the soup into 4 bowls and top with a hefty spoonful of the parsley relish.
— *Recipe from food52.com*

Carrot soup with ginger

Ginger root has long been used as a herbal remedy for colds to soothe sore throats and cough, and also can fend off the nausea that comes with the flu. It's paired here in a warming vegetarian soup with carrots, which, thanks to a high level of vitamin C, can help your body build antibodies and boost your immune system. Like most soups, this keeps well in the fridge for a few days. Make it a full meal by serving with a salad and hearty, buttered toast.

Makes: 4 servings
1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
1 cup chopped yellow onion
3 cloves garlic, smashed
2 cups chopped carrots
1 ½ teaspoons grated fresh ginger
1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar or orange juice
3 to 4 cups vegetable broth
Sea salt and fresh black pepper
1 teaspoon maple syrup, optional
Coconut milk for garnish, optional
Pesto for garnish, optional
1. Heat olive oil in large pot over medium heat. Add onions and a generous pinch of salt and pepper and cook until softened, stirring occasionally, about 8 minutes.
2. Add smashed garlic cloves and carrots to pot and cook about 8 minutes more, stirring occasionally. Stir in ginger, then add apple cider vinegar. Add 3-4 cups broth, depending on your desired consistency. Reduce to a simmer and cook until carrots are soft, 30 minutes.
3. Let cool slightly, then transfer to blender. Blend until smooth. Taste and adjust seasonings. Add maple syrup if desired.
4. Serve with a drizzle of coconut milk on top and/or a dollop of pesto, if desired.
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5 Remodeling Projects Expected to Boom in 2022

As the pandemic continues, homeowners are encouraged to spend more time indoors — so get ready for more remodel requests.

Here are five projects that loom large on many wish lists. Some are variations of existing trends, but all are expected to add function, value and joy to houses inside and out.

1. Better outfitted mudrooms

Help homeowners avoid frantic searches for keys, backpacks, gloves, hats, lost socks, and more by constructing a mudroom that's dedicated to different needs.

Functions in high demand are:

- Drop-off areas for package and grocery-store deliveries; pet

washing stations with an oversized sink or shower pan and storage;

- Specified storage for each family member;

- Laundry equipment area complemented with shelves, a counter for folding, and a sink;

- A central charging station for everyone's tech tools; and

- Something fun such as a boot dryer.

2. More specialized outdoor "rooms"

Creating the equivalent of rooms in a backyard started pre-pandemic, but after sheltering indoors, more homeowners asked their remodeling professionals to build different

spaces to suit favorite interests, including:

- An outdoor kitchen with a grill, water source, and the newest bell and whistle: a pizza oven.

- A firepit or fireplace and lawn or terrace to set out a large screen and chairs to watch movies,

- An edible garden, and

- Trellises to plant up and conserve land.

With people wanting to use their outdoor rooms even as weather gets cold, it is suggested they purchase a heater, similar to what restaurants use to warm outdoor diners. The 2021 Houzz & Home Study also found an uptick in fixing up beds, borders, and lawns, and upgrading



decks, porches, or balconies.

3. More window, door and wall glazing to savor nature

The trend of homeowners wanting to feel as though they're outdoors is expected to continue as being outdoors is considered a boon to wellness.

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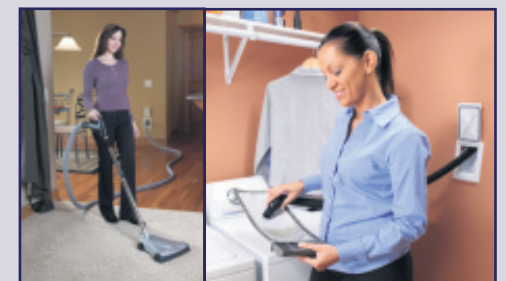


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wall to fit larger glass options. Another new trend is garage-style glass doors that roll up for an edgier look, and allowing for more connection between the indoor and outdoor spaces.

4. More flexible home offices

Another pandemic lesson was the importance of having a place for adults to conduct office work and children to do homework.

In fact, searches for home offices were up 108%, according to the 2021 Houzz Emerging Home Design Trends Report. And even as many return to the workplace and school, coronavirus numbers are expected to make adaptable areas popular.

5. Accessory dwelling units

After constructing and remodeling your share of tiny houses and he/she sheds, get

ready for more clients requesting an accessory dwelling unit (ADU).

Increased approval from planning and building departments has boosted ADU popularity, especially as a housing solution for homeowners needing space for returning grown children, for renters to help meet the shortage of affordable housing, and older parents wanting to age in place privately in what's often called a "granny flat."

Be sure to check local codes on size, setbacks and other requirements, and that the unit has good natural light, insulation, key appliances, and features that reflect universal design principles so it's accessible for all.



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New Year, New Home Design Ideas



The beginning of the year is a great time for fresh starts — new goals, new hobbies, new routines, you name it. It can also be a great time to give your home a quick refresh as well. And one of the easiest ways to rejuvenate your home is with a fresh coat of paint.

New home design trends in recent years have emphasized wellness to match the focus on overall health in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, so it's no surprise that the color trends for 2022 are following suit. Major paint manufacturers across the board have selected subtle green-gray hues as their top pick because of their versatility and serene ambiance. Here are some creative ways you can

incorporate these trendy tints into your home.

Play up an accent feature. Paint colors aren't just for your walls.

Whether you're breathing new life into an old piece of furniture or adding a pop of color to your kitchen island, bold, lively hues such as Farrow & Ball's Breakfast Room Green or Dutch Boy's Cypress Garden can instantly refresh any room. Take a look around your favorite spots in the home to see what elements could use a little refresh.



Create a mini spa. The definition of home has changed for many in recent years, as it has had to serve as living space, office space, home gym and maybe even a classroom. With all that activity,

it's important to have some place to retreat and regroup. Transform a quiet space in your home — be it a bedroom, bathroom or hobby space — into your instant relaxation area by creating a serene backdrop using softer color selections, such as Behr's silvery green Breezeway or Benjamin Moore's October Mist.

Enhance your home's natural beauty. Organic textiles, such as wood or stone, provide an instant connection to the outdoors even when you can't get outside, which can help lift your mood — especially in the winter in colder climates. Finding colors that complement these strong neutrals, such as Sherwin-Williams' Evergreen Fog, PPG's Olive Spring and Valspar's Blanched Thyme, provides balance and helps bring the outdoors in to create a naturally beautiful home.

For more design ideas, and to speak directly with contractors, make sure to visit the Connecticut Home & Remodeling Show at the Connecticut Convention Center, March 4 – 6, and visit cthomeshow.com.

Planning a Successful Walk-Through of Your New Home

Before you close on your new home, you will have to conduct a “walk-through” with your builder. The walk-through provides an opportunity for you to identify items that may need to be corrected or adjusted and allows you to learn how your new home works.

The common items your builder will address during the walk-through include the operation of the home’s components, your maintenance responsibilities and any warranty coverage.

When you buy a new house, you will receive a stack of instruction booklets. These materials will contain information on how to operate the kitchen appliances, the heating and cooling systems, the water heater and other features in the home. The final walk-through allows you to talk to your builder about the operation of each item until you have the time to carefully read through the materials.

Another important task during the final walk-through is to learn about your maintenance responsibilities as a homeowner. Most new homes come with a one-year warranty on workmanship and materials. However, such warranties may not cover problems that develop due to lack of maintenance. Many builders will provide a booklet explaining the common upkeep responsibilities of new homeowners and how to perform them.

There are many items you’ll need to inspect during the walk-through. Carefully examine all surfaces of counters, fixtures, floors and walls for possible damage. Create a checklist of items that need attention during your walk-through and agree to a timetable to complete the repairs with your builder. Your builder will likely prefer to remedy problems before you move in because it is easier for them to work in an empty house.

You must be thorough and observant during the walk-through to avoid future hassles. For example, a dispute can arise if a buyer discovers a gouge in a countertop after move-in, and there is no way to prove whether it was caused by the builder’s workers or the buyer’s movers. Many builders ask their buyers to sign a form at the walk-through stating

that all surfaces have been inspected and that there were no damages other than what has been noted on the walk-through checklist.

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3 Tips for Remodeling in 2022



One of the busiest years for remodelers was 2021, in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and during a highly competitive home buying market. Homeowners increasingly sought the expertise of professional remodelers to help modernize their existing homes.

Remodelers surveyed by the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) at the end of 2021 said demand for projects of all sizes remained even stronger than it was at its peak in 2020. A big reason why stems from the

record growth in home values.

“Higher home equity provided resources for homeowners to improve their existing homes, supporting high demand for remodeling,” says Ted Brown, President of the HomeBuilders & Remodelers Association of Central Connecticut. “And with countless innovations in building products and design techniques, it’s an exciting time for homeowners who want to improve their home.”

If you are thinking of updating your current home for 2022 and

beyond, here are three guidelines to consider.

Optimize Space

Our lifestyles have evolved and so has our reliance on the home as a place to work and learn. After a few years of social distancing and modified work schedules, most homeowners who need a home office space have already created one. The next step is to make it versatile.

“Home office space has re-emerged as an essential element,

but it’s been redefined in a way, says Brown. “Now, it’s more about creating a space that’s flexible and can easily adapt to the unique needs of different people, whether they need a home office, a gym or more space to entertain.”

Design for the Future

Trendy colors and decor will come and go. But something that will never go out of style is energy efficiency. “The large majority of prospective buyers whom we survey each year consistently rank having energy-efficient features



throughout the home at or near the top of their priority list,” says Rose Quint, assistant vice president for survey research at NAHB.

Homeowners who incorporate green elements will experience long-term benefits in energy cost savings, higher resale value and enhanced living comfort. Aside from energy-efficient appliances, features that often go unnoticed but can make a significant impact include low-E windows, energy-efficient roof shingles and tiles, and spray-foam insulation. Smart-home devices can also produce significant energy savings. Remote- and voice-controlled lighting solutions, customizable thermostats and automated whole-home security systems are popular integrations for today’s smart homes.

Stay Flexible

Builders and remodelers expect supply-related delays in 2022.

The challenges depend on the scope of your project and the types of materials needed. It is important for all parties to establish clear expectations for project milestones and to remain flexible if delays occur.

Experts recommend having a backup plan in the event of remodeling project delays. Perhaps there will be a delay on the new kitchen appliances, and you will need alternatives for cooking and storing food. Or bathroom finishes might take longer than expected to arrive and you will need to continue relying on a secondary bathroom. Project disruptions can be inconvenient but having alternative plans in place will make them more tolerable.

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